Reflection

VIO overall has been a very fun module and it has taught me a lot. In primary school, I would often doodle and draw comics. I started off by drawing stickmen, then later thicker stick men. I met a friend who taught me how to draw superheroes and then my style became characters who were always muscle-bound and top heavy.

When I went to my first VIO 102 lecture, we were challenged to create entirely new styles. We essentially were guided from the ground up. It was challenging at first to grow out of my old style, but with the help of many practical assignments and the kind lecturers' input, I have managed to simplify and broaden my style's influences and developed something that is my own.

I have also been taught typography which has inspired me to try make my handwriting neater. It has also converted me from using Arial (a bad font) to using Cambria (much better!).

VIO 202 has mostly been about digital design, which scared me at first. My drawing hand is steady and I can create almost anything I envision, but I struggle to design things on the computer as I feel much more limited. This module has given me pointers and encouraged me to not feel so daunted. I have learned how to make good looking websites and tap into what makes me me and apply that to my designs; just like I had learned how to apply it to my drawing. I can make colour schemes and pick fonts, and make layouts that are pleasing to the eye as well as very informative.

I am going to miss VIO next year, but I feel strengthened by the lessons it has taught me and I feel ready to take my designing skills into the real world.