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**Exit Ticket**

Now, after completing this course I am stuck determining what I think is an appropriate grade for myself. I am struggling to decide which of the two options sound more reasonable. Below I will try to present both cases and let you decide.

If we look back at the first few weeks of the course, I joined the class late. There was an opening that happened after a few days (weeks?) and I jumped in. I caught up with very little issue. At the time I viewed this course as being easy and a cakewalk. As a result, I left my assignments towards the end of the course and then realized that I wasn't as sharp as I thought I was.

Consequently, I had to quickly catch up asap. To do this myself and the Professor agreed that I should pick a section/lesson from each of the weeks and focus on that rather than power through all of them quickly. This was for sure the correct move… at least until week 6 when we were asked to use prior knowledge to process and interpret a given body of text. Week 6 was still achievable, without a doubt, however it was just trickier to incorporate all the lessons I chose together. **With this information/timeline (the limited course material + very late everything) I feel I should get a 50-55%.**

On the other hand, if we weren’t including the late/limited material parts and only looked at what I learned from the course and how I thought it was explained/approached I would give myself a higher grade. It was fun and challenging to run into issues as it forced me to learn how to fix them and where to get the solutions. I often turned to forums like StackOverflow as they seemed to be very helpful. I found Week 2 to be the most useful for me personally as it allows me to download data from websites and convert pictures that contain text into plain text. Both seem so useful its kind of insane. Week 3 was a struggle the first time around as I could not get Sublime text to filter properly. Eventually I fixed what needed fixing and it worked. For the Week 6 integration I really tried to trim down the text via the find/replace instead of when I made the screenshots that way there was some sense of accomplishment when I finished. It felt nice to have edited down the Orwell diaries with regular expression. It was tricky at first, but I got the hang of it after a while. I also really enjoyed the Week 5 map making. It was a cool medium to story tell and can see myself using it. **If my mark were based off how I felt I learned from this course I would give myself a 65%.** Due to the procrastination it was hard to really push myself outside of my comfort zone given the time constraint.

When looking at the course outcomes I felt I was able to better analyze documents and other primary sources. It was interesting to see how the medium can affect how the source is interpreted. It does leave me wondering if this isn’t being used by certain individuals to promote their interests. If how we see the data is critical to how we understand it there lies a very large ethical dilemma.

I did do a bit of research independently and found solutions to my questions. I was very hesitant to ask questions on the discord as doing so would show that I was 3-4 weeks behind the class. Basically, I was slightly embarrassed.