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Individual Reflection

What was most engaging about this topic is that it challenges the group to be creative and learn how to conduct research on their own. These challenges may seem daunting to others but for me, I love learning new skills that I know will benefit me later in life. That being said, what was most challenging was working in a group together. While most of us get along, I know me and others have this problem in common in which at least one of your group members just does not carry their weight. One of our members just would not put in the effort to learn our story, let alone contribute to the story. They would ask us to give them instructions on what to do, but they just never carried them out.

There was a ton of feedback that we got along the way that was paramount to creating our project/story. For example, we did not know how to format the story, and Jess, our TA not only gave us an example story, but gave us tips and what we could do to keep our story cohesive and easier to read. Additionally, going back to our groupmate, we asked Jess how we could address the situation. She ultimately gave us the tip to let her create our slides, since we were all working on the storyline we were not giving much attention at all to our presentation. Not only that, Jess gave us tips and strategies on how we could create the slides, such as using images as visual aids, or even just putting the diary entries that are crucial onto the slides so that the audience can follow along.

The writing process for this assignment for this project was different from every other form of writing I have done in CAT this year because it was not exactly a clear-cut argumentative essay and it required a lot more creativity because the project was not purely based on research and evidence. Therefore, we had to try new things, such as implementing visual aids, in order to come up with a fun, easy to read, engaging story.

As stated before, the group dynamic, or my experience with it, was not the best. Some of the group get along really well. However, some of my other peers in the group did not really get along that well. We all have different schedules, we all knew that going in. That being said, whereas some of us put in a great deal of work and effort into the project, the rest did not. Yes, I know that your schedule is different from mine, but that should mean you put in less effort or contribute less to perfecting the story and getting the project done on time. The work was meant to be distributed evenly, but this was again, not the case. Some of the work that was assigned to the group member who did not contribute enough ended up falling to the rest of us to pick up the slack. Nevertheless, we found a task for said group member and they ended up contributing a decent amount and were decently helpful in finishing our project before the deadline. Even though I still feel the work was not evenly distributed, the project would have been completed at the end without all of us coming together and doing the necessary work.