***Self Critique:***

**Which existing websites out there most inspired your web site design thus far?**

Airbnb.com inspired the design for my website. The clean layout with a central focus on the logo and slogan gives a balanced and clean look. The central navigation button allows users to navigate the website with ease.

**Which parts of the design are you most proud of?**

I am most proud of the balance and flow of the website. The almost equal balance between left and right, and the central focus on the title, slogan and “start exploring” button, gives ease and simplicity to viewers.

**What struggles did you encounter in your design process?**

The main struggles during the design process were deciding whether to go for a typical blog layout, or more of an inter active website layout. I decided for the latter, as I could incorporate the blog posts into a page similar to a listings page on other websites.

**Which struggles did you encounter during page development?**

Making a fluid layout and media query were the greatest struggles. With help from my mentor, I was able to understand the limitations that I had given myself in the way I had written my html and css code.

**What did you learn from making your project responsive?**

I learnt that it is much easier to do this, if you have a clear wireframe and plan from the start. If you start writing the code using percentages, there are a lot less headaches down the track.

***Reviews:***

<http://squarespace.com/>

The layout of this website is clean, well balanced and allows for seamless viewing. The simplicity of the “rows” of information as you scroll down, allow for smooth and effective flow through the site. The use of widely spaced letters in a sans-serif font contribute to the clean look and simplicity of the website. The navigation bar at the top only has four options, thus not overwhelming viewers, and complimenting the minimalistic design.

<http://cavs.mit.edu/>

This layout is made up of 6 unevenly spaced columns with variations in location and placing of text. The un-justified and off centre main title is backed with a moving black, white and grey graphic, not only taking attention away from the title, but creating a “busy” look and messy feel to the website. The other moving graphic to the left of the title further adds to this. The location of the main text is at the bottom of one of the columns, however cannot be easily accessed as the flow of the website is not seamless due to the messy formatting and un balanced placing of the elements. There are some almost undistinguishable links, however no main navigation bar is evident.