**IST 263 Project Milestone 2 – Copy Document**

Note: In the “actual page text” section I am expecting you to write every bit of text that will appear on the page. If you write an outline or samples you should expect to receive a 0/10 on this assignment.

**Name**: Victoria Almack

**Description (From Milestone 1)**:  
I love to look at water towers while on long drives. Because of this my father (a photographer) has collected hundreds of photos of unique water towers, mostly in Southeast Iowa. I want to feature some of the better water towers, along with information on the towns they are in and information about how and why they were taken.

**Home Page**

**Short Description**

This is a landing page with a collection of water towers and a description of each

**Actual Page Text**

Above is a picture of the DumDums factory water tower in Bryan Ohio. This water tower is used not only by the factory but also by the entire city of Bryan, Ohio.

This is a picture of the Muscatine water tower. It is notable to locals for its changing color at night from LED lights on the ground pointed up at it. Common colors are purple, blue, and green.

Above is a picture of the water tower in Fairfield, Iowa. This picture was taken from their notable historic town square.

This is a picture of the Adair, Iowa water tower. Adair is a small community near Des Moines that is known for its unique water tower pictured above.

This is a picture of the historic water tower for steam trains that is still used to power steam engines at the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion’s Midwest Central Railroad.

**Page 2**

**Title:**  Histories of the towers

**Short Description**

A historical analysis of the water towers, the towns they are in, and the meaning of iconography such as the DumDums on the water tower in Bryan, Ohio. This will be relatively brief to fit the scope of this project, more a collection of fun facts than an exhaustive history.

**Actual Page Text**

Bryan, Ohio is home to the DumDums factory that makes every DumDums sucker, along with other Spangler branded candies. Bryan is a modern model of a company town with the factory being the main source of employment in Bryan, and many members of families work in the factory. The water tower for the town shows this clearly with large DumDums depicted on the tower instead of the town name as is common in most cities and towns. This is because many public amenities in Bryan such as water are owned by the factory, or family members of the owner of the factory.

Muscatine is a medium-sized town in Southeast Iowa. It is a historic river town that made its money from shipping along the river, mainly through the logging industry in the nineteenth century along with railroad business. Mark Twain briefly lived in Muscatine and worked on their newspaper with his brother, the city is featured in his book Life on the Mississippi.

Fairfield, Iowa is a small town in Southeast Iowa known for its abundance of start-up companies and also being home to Maharishi Vedic City, which is known to the Maharishi as the center of the universe. It is the city in Iowa with the most solar powered and eco-friendly homes. Many of the homes are built in the Maharishi Sthapatya Veda architecture style, with its most notable feature being homes that face either due East or due North.

Adair is a small town that historically was founded to support the Rock Island Express train route, and a train was famously robbed by Jesse James in Adair. The modern-day Adair is supported by the Interstate 80 highway which is one of the largest shipping and travel corridors in the United States. Its large smiley face water tower is visible from the highway.

The Midwest Old Thresher Reunion is a hidden treasure of southeast Iowa. The reunion is a large festival which displays historic homestead life, gas and steam powered engines including cars, tractors, specific machines like threshing machines and older steam powered cars which were often used as tractors and predate modern cars. They also host world class concerts that are free with admission (admission is $14 for adults and $5 for children). Some previous concerts were by  George Strait, Johnny Cash, June Carter, Kenny Rogers, Brad Paisley, Willie Nelson and LeAnn Rimes. The festival also features a few acres of campground which are serviced by electric classic trolleys.

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**Title:**  About the Photographer

**Short Description**

An explanation of why this project started, as well as a biography of the photographer and his other work.

**Actual Page Text**

The photographer for this project is Chris Almack, my father. My whole life we have taken long road trips and short road trips, and I loved seeing the different water towers and pointing them out. My father is a photographer, so he started taking pictures of every water tower he saw. This amounted to a collection of hundreds of water towers across the country, which he compiled into a book and gave to me when I moved across the country. The book focused mainly on water towers from Southeast Iowa where I am from, so it was a nice reminder of home.

Chris Almack’s photography, however, is not usually focused on water towers. Instead, he often photographs nature and cars. Things that he sees as “powerful and majestic”. Some examples of his other work are shown below, and you can find more pictures on his Facebook.