

Creative Thinking

Novelty and Value

The English Revolution Timeline project was difficult in some aspects. Luckily, it allowed me to use some of my creative thinking strengths to allow me to both have fun and construct a strong project. I was able to have fun while building this assignment because I was able to use Photoshop in order to create a unique design. Photoshop is an amazing tool because you can use it for school and for personal projects. Although it did take me a fair amount of time, I was able to push on because using Photoshop is a passion of mine. Since most people don't know how to use the application, my ideas that involve Photoshop are often new to my group members. For example, when I mentioned my formatting idea to my partner, I am almost certain that that was a new idea for them. This idea I speak of is to create multiple images, put them on different slides on Microsoft Sway so it looks like a physical timeline. I believe that this was new to many of my classmates. It was certainly thinking outside the box. In conclusion, my novelty and value skills are quite strong in that I am able to use my personal strengths in school to create an exceptional product.

Developing Ideas

Although I may not be so great at creating ideas, I am very good at developing those ideas. This could include solving problems or adapting to the given tools. I managed to adapt very well to the tools given to me. One of the tools we had to use was Microsoft Sway. I never knew how to use Microsoft Sway until now and when I figured out how to use it, I didn't like it, especially for formatting a timeline. So instead, I worked around the basic rules in order to allow me to both use Sway and Photoshop (an application that I am passionate about). The original way that I was expressing my ideas was very time consuming. To save time, I just used "templates" that I already had which both save me a ton of time and made everything look better. That was a "win win" situation. Do that didn't just make me more efficient, it also demonstrated that I am able to modify my way of doing things for the greater good. In conclusion, I am able to develop ideas very well. To do that, I can modify my way of doing things to be more efficient, productive and improve the quality of my product.

Generating Ideas

I may be good at some aspects of generating ideas, but I can certainly improve many of them. Sometimes I am good at having random ideas pop into my head and creating ideas from my passions, but besides that, I have a lot to improve on. One of these aspects that needs help is modifying others ideas. One example of this is when I saw what other groups were doing for this assignment, I couldn't find a way to modify their idea into my own. So instead, I just created a whole new idea with very little inspiration from other groups. I am also not overly great at just trying an idea and accepting temporary failure. I tend to create an idea and brainstorm all of the things that could go wrong with it. Even though it may seem like a good idea at first glance, it can often take a lot of time which you could be using to experiment or work on your final project. In conclusion, I have a decent amount to work on for generating ideas. These would include experimenting more and building the skill of modifying others ideas to your advantage.