Core Competency Reflection

Analyze and Critique *Strong*

The Africa rap assignment was not my favourite assignment but I managed to write a very good script. I think that I excelled in the analyzing and critiquing part of creating the assignment. I was able to realize if I liked something or not. I could do this by analyzing the material and info to find out what is good and what is bad. With that information, I can establish a "master" answer. I did this while creating the Africa road rap by critiquing rap beats to prove if I like or dislike them. I am also able to analyze criteria to choose my materials accordingly. For example, when we had to make a rap, I knew that most times, rap lyrics have to fit with the "music" for it to sound good. That had to be kept in mind while choosing a beat because you must have a "connection" to the beat to write the lyrics. A majority of the time, you have to remember the criteria to produce a good product. Reflecting played a huge part in creating the rap. While writing my lyrics (to the rap beat) I realized they seemed a bit short, and I wanted them long. I reflected back to my knowledge of rap beats, then realized that I can write more, by talking faster. So that is exactly what I did. I wrote more lines and talked faster in some parts, and slower in others. Surprisingly, it sounded quite good. In conclusion, I was able to analyze the given criteria and apply it to materials to construct and polish a near-perfect product.

Develop and Design *Strong*

The Africa rap project was an interesting project, to say the least. It had me use both my developing and designing skills. Luckily for me, those are two skills that I am proficient in. I managed to experiment in many different ways of completing this project. One example of this is when I wanted to write more lyrics for the song. I figured that if I talked faster, I can communicate more, so that is what I did. I also had to experiment which parts of my script I will say fast, and which parts slow (stressing syllables). I am a very organized person when it comes to assignments. Therefore, I like to create a "personal" criteria to guide me through the construction process. For example, in this particular project, I attempted to calculate the approximate amount of lines that each person should write. That didn't go as planned but I still tried to make a criteria and some guidelines for this assignment. In most projects, I can manage my time by analyzing my current progress. In the Africa rap assignment, one of my jobs the group was the time manager. I set deadlines so our project would be complete and polished by the due date. In conclusion, I can successfully design and develop an assignment by experimenting, construct criteria and manage time, based on my progress.

Question and Investigate *Needs Improvement*

Although there were many successes during the construction of the Africa rap project, there were also many flaws. If there are flaws it tells you what to improve on. I certainly need to ask open-ended questions more often when doing a project like this one. I probably could have asked some open-ended questions on civil wars to gain a further understanding of them. If I had a better understanding of African civil wars, my script for the rap would have been much better and much more in-depth. I certainly could have looked at the project with more of an open mind too. I only wanted to do it one way until I agreed by doing it the other way. I should have looked at all of the possible options before setting my heart on one. That was a huge mistake that cost our group some time. When doing research, I can also improve checking multiple sources to find out if my original information is accurate. In fact, I didn't do any research on African civil wars which was a huge mistake and yet again, could have made my script more in-depth and deeper into reality. In conclusion, I contributed equally to the group but I could have improved on many things such as research and being more open to suggestions. As I like to say, "we cheer for both our successes and our areas of improvement".