CRAFTING MEANINGFUL RELECTIONS FOR ePORTFOLIO
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Evidence: Powerpoint presentation: Growing up in 505

OLTD Outcome Addressed: Share course-related learning with members of the course and greater educational community.

In order to show evidence of my learning in 505 I chose to share this Powerpoint presentation of my learning journey.

The reason that I am most proud of this particular piece is because it is in existence. Let me explain that one. I wrote the piece as a part of a bigger essay and realized that it was way too big. So I split the essay into two and created a Prezi (see other learning reflection for 505) piece tied to the learning outcomes and this piece that is more of a personal reflective piece of my learnings in OLTD so far.

I decided to use SooMeta as it looked like a really cool site and I had always wanted to try it. After tinkering a bit I thought I might use VuVox instead but found that to be challenging to my over-burdened and under-caffeinated brain so I switched back to Soometa. I read the piece out loud at least seven times trying to make this work. At one point I had about 80% of it done and it glitched on me and I lost the whole thing (why I didn't save it earlier I don't know!). After searching and re-searching pictures, creating and re-creating the show and reading my essay in until my voice was hoarse it still wouldn't work. Eight times I tried and eight times it would glitch in one way or another. Finally in desperation (or exhaustion – they both mixed together) I gave up and copied the pictures into Powerpoint, copied the attributions and attached one of my previously recorded voice files to the mix. I was done!

And then I tried to hand it in. Oh my, of course it couldn't be so easy! First, it was too large of a file to post to my weebly site – of course. So I tried to compress it so that I could email it – nope, not meant to be. Remember I was already exhausted and somewhat desperate – now I was beyond frustration, too! Thank goodness for GoogleDrive because I truly think that it was the only reason I didn't completely lose it.

I felt there were a lot of important messages in this piece, which was why I pushed myself so hard to get it done (which is funny because it is actually supposed to showcase how I'm getting better at not pushing myself so hard and not having to be that overachiever!!! Oops!). In the end (and I just hope that it works so that this can be the end) it looks good and I'm happy with how it finished up. And I'm glad I didn't give up on it because I think it tells a lot about my growth and learning in this program so far.