

1. What was the picture in your mind before you started working on your project? How does this picture compare to the project you actually completed?

I started with a plan and organized it quite well, considering all angles of the camera what places and backgrounds I need as well as the people I wanted to interview. Having templates of transitions to pick through so I could just drop into the documentary and spend less time editing the transition. I have most of what I wanted in the start but knowing my time crunch it took to much time over-viewing each clip, cutting and color correcting it, and framing/sound every time. It kept pushing my time crunch. In the end I think if I considered the time consuming of clipping and how much work I had to do for each clip I think I could've done a much cleaner version of it with more in-depth of it.

2. If given the opportunity, what would you do differently, now that you have the experience? 3. Describe what you learned about time management and using resources, including people. 4. Would you recommend your project to future seniors? Why/why not?

If I had more time I would definitely fix background noises you can hear while the interview is taking, adding more interviews from Mexico I didn't get to. I had a whole file worth of clips talking about the conditions people usually live and how that affects their motivation to walk to school which would have added to the documentary. Looking at the documentary I realized that it would have a bit of music in the background while the interviews and scenes would have added a nice touch to it, making it feel fuller. Definitely knowing how to consider time between raw footage and editing prepped footage changes the amount of time you spend on it. I also had trouble adding very specific details to my documentary so I found myself editing and color-correcting in three different softwares. I having my coworker who works as a photo editor help with considering color correction help make the video more cinematic. I think my project is definitely very fun to create just because you can mess around on the topic and editing. This also helps with network with people's life stories that could inspire you. It's an experience that creates confidence and a different perspective in the place you live in.

5. How would you feel about showing your work to an expert for evaluation? Explain.

I would definitely feel embarrassed because it's my first documentary and just the small amount of time I had put into it. I know I could've presented the information a bit differently to be more engaging for the audience. Professional evaluation would really help me out with placement of clips and interviews. This judgment would be embarrassing but needed for me.

6. What insights, knowledge, and personal satisfaction have you gained? Be specific.

Knowing that my life is very fortunate compared to these kids I had to interview during my travel to Mexico was very valuable for me. I have a better understanding of our nation's standing with

Mexico and other countries. During my time editing my documentary i felt satisfaction in making something from scratch because i know i could do anything i wanted to it, send any kind of message that i will to.

7. Describe the stretch, or effort, you made in completing this project. Consider physical as well as emotional and intellectual challenges.

Two days into filming my documentary in Mexico I decently felt really week just because i was walking from place to place in 100+ degree wether with equipment in my back, but i also felt so excited knowing this will all come together and envisioning what kind of shots i would do while i walked through this very gorgeous area. Although editing was a bit more exhausting with sleepless nights trying to finish before the due date. It definitely felt like a heavy weight i had put on because of my schedule. I had work, school, collage and wedding planning going on at the same time. Everything was very stressful but the feeling of getting it done outweighed my stress.

8. Beyond the project itself, what did you learn about yourself? Be specific.

During my time making my project i noticed my time management skills aren't the very much there at all, so if i could center myself and organized very min of time i have in my day i think i would have done a much cleaner work and my deadline would have been met before i got an extension. Things like overestimating my time and analysis of video clips would have definitely hindered my quality of work.