

Portfolio Project Reflection

National Music Content Standards covered in this project:

- Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
- Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts
- Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

1. This is an example of my best work because it shows the integration of fine arts through research and evaluation of a specific band or artist; technology by using Microsoft Office and Microsoft PowerPoint; communication through a presentation using PowerPoint; and Language Arts by writing a narrative paper and using the writing process of pre-writing, revising, and peer critique. In this project I was to write a paper taking on the role of a musician in the band of my choice.

The goal of my paper was to inform my audience, which was my generation, about people and/or situations that influenced my music career, both good and bad. I also had to pick my favorite song by the band and research it and find out what it was about and why it was written. I also had to inform my audience about my life personally and how I got into music and how the band got its start in the music industry.

When I started writing my paper I had to use proper formatting. Before I started writing my paper I made sure the line spacing was set to double. After that I learned how to insert page numbers so that it will automatically update when I have a new page. I then entered the proper heading and title for a paper format. While typing my paper I had to make sure and put two spaces after each sentence, instead of just one. I also included a works cited page, which gives credit to the sources I used in my research.

In my PowerPoint I also had to do some formatting. Before I started a slide I would go through the process of selecting an attractive background. I then would enter my information on to my slide in an outline form rather than complete sentences. My PowerPoint was used as assistance for me during my presentation.

2. Each time I revised this project I was looking for grammar errors. Each time I revised, I had to look for proper treatment to song titles, album names, band names, contractions, numbers under 100, and spaces after sentences. I had to put song titles in quotations, album names in italics, band names just needed to be capitalized. Contractions had to be spelled out, for examples do not instead of don't. I also had to spell out all numbers under 100 unless it was a date.

3. What did I learn about myself through completing this project?
I learned that I can write a two page paper with ease. I can also use Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Word very well.

4. If I were to do this project again I would make better decisions about the color of my background with the color of my font in my PowerPoint. Sometimes it was hard to read because the two blended together. I would also make more eye contact with my audience during my presentation and relax a little more.

5. If a stranger looked at this project, they would say my paper was very organized and was easy and interesting to read. They would also say my PowerPoint was very appealing to the audience, and that I have a full understanding of my band and that I put a lot of work into this project.