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Culmination Project

WRITTEN PROJECT REFLECTION

Upon finally completing my project which was a video about my beloved dog blue passing away and how it affected me and my family, i realized that this was a huge learning experience. This video allowed me to understand what I'm capable of and can open many doors for me in the future. This allows me to be able to create content on all different types of levels. This entire culmination project helped me gather more knowledge on film production , editing & time management.

Creating this video started out with me looking for videos and pictures of blue. I was looking through old photos and it came with many hard memories. I found many pictures of blue with my older brother who also had passed away. He had bought blue so blue was his dog. Looking through these photos made me extremely emotional because I truly miss both of their presence, and it reminded me about the good times & memories that we experienced together. I had my mom and my family to look for more photos of blue and we sat there together thinking about all the memories we had. We got extremely emotional together, but this made me understand that nothing lasts forever and I have to care and show love to the people around me. It allowed me to learn to spend more time with the people I love and that every second counts. I should cherish the small things and moments with my family knowing that life could be taken away in seconds. Losing my older brother when I was just 10 years old was really harsh for me and my loved ones. Even blue was acting a lot different after he realized that he was not around anymore. Blue just looked upset and was not acting normal. He wouldn't want to play or eat regularly like he used to. It's like he knew my brother was gone. We took care of blue and he had a special place in our hearts since my brother had bought him and took care of him, blue was my brother's dog. Blue shortly passed after my brother passed away about less than a year later. My other brother Mar, had taken blue to a dog park that we usually go to on a really hot day, and he was running around nonstop. Blue ended up getting sick and not being able to move. We had to quickly rush him to the vet, but by the time we got there it was too late. This was super tough since we were still grieving on the loss of my brother and this just added to the difficulty of

overcoming grief. Blue was the only thing left that we had of my brother and it hit us hard. Dealing with this at a very young age was a tough experience for me, for sure it made me mature quicker and realize the quick reality of life as a young boy. I was able to get through it with the people I love around me, spending quality time with my family, going out with friends, going to the gym, and trying to run away from this vigorous experience. Looking back I really never thought a pet would mean so much to me and my family but blue played a huge role to me and my family. Blue gave me life lessons & impacted us siverley. Some people might say that he's just a dog, to me he was my best friend and I loved blue deeply.

After I finished up with all the pictures and videos of blue, I understood the emotional impact that this video will have on me, and I wanted to have my viewers understand it as well. Next I had to go to locations that me and blue shared memories in and record myself professionally speaking to the camera from start to finish about my experience with blue. I shot in a couple different locations on different days and times, and I chose the best clips to edit in the editing application called Adobe Premiere. The editing process was challenging, especially dealing with these photos and videos of our memories with blue and my brother. I had to take multiple breaks since it got really emotional. What kept me going is knowing that in the end I'll have an inspiring piece that might relate to a lot of different people and convey a strong message to my audience.

Some Challenges i faced creating this six minute video, was of course most importantly as i mentioned the pain emotion that i went through. Aside from that, using Adobe Premier application on my Macbook to edit the entire video I came across many different roadblocks. Getting used to the application took much time and effort. I learned how to cut out unnecessary footage that I didn't need, cut out the small pauses while I spoke to make the video more clear, smooth transitions , adding and adjusting audio, including captions, and just making sure that the video is viewed correctly to the audience in all different aspects. I also chose some background music that I felt would match correctly with the visual tone of the video. The music was a huge part of the video for me because it added extra emotion in the video that I needed. There were many times where I felt angry because there were things I didn't know how to do, but I had to figure it out myself and learn. This helped me become a much more professional video editor, I grew knowledge on the small things and now I'm able to create more videos myself, without needing any help.

In conclusion, the process of creating this video could open a huge door in the future for me because I could use creating videos to create a channel to attract views and potentially earn money that way. This video should attract people's attention because many people enjoy watching videos that affect their emotions and might relate to it.