

Dear Professor Belli and readers,

As I started to brainstorm what I wanted as my topic for this project, I went through a lot of different ideas but went on to focus on Artificial Intelligence as it is something that really intrigued me during our class discussions about it and the readings + films we watched about it. I wanted to deepen on the idea of AI and focus on the good and bad of AI integrating in our lives. One problem I came across is framing my proposal and question. I feel like I had a good idea of what I'll be doing in this project but framing it perfectly was something I was lacking at. From feedback from classmates and professor Belli, I tried to find better sources that connect to science fiction as a whole and analyze them thoroughly. I pushed myself to focus on science fiction in my project as much as possible but also tried to relate it back to our world.

Looking back at my lightning presentation slides and where I am now, I have a better and clear understanding of what I did in this project. The lightning presentation to me was too vague and at the time I was still confused how I want to approach the project. Prior to starting my final presentation slides, I was a little lost on how I wanted to deeply approach this and I kept asking myself what's the big picture of my topic (How does it all connect)? Since I wasn't present for the lightning presentation, it made it hard for me to approach the direction I wanted to go. Feedback is always helpful and does give me a lot of new ideas to integrate in my project. Meeting with Prof. Belli did help me a lot about the structure of my project and how to better approach it.

I feel like one problem I still see in my project is adding secondary sources more thoroughly to my presentation and addressing it more. Finding secondary sources is something I honestly had trouble doing and it did take time for me to find the ones I want to use for my project. Overall, the project was another experience I gained for researching and it did give me a better understanding of how to do so in the future. At times the project was frustrating but as I kept working on it, I did seem to enjoy working on a research project like this and learning something new.

Sincerely,
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