

To: Professor Jason Ellis  
From: Mariah Rajah  
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Re: HTML Project Planning

Hello Professor Ellis,

Last week, you proposed to us our fictional HTML digital storytelling project and as a beginning step to initiate our thinking process of two stories of which we would like to execute that follows our theme from the past podcast project: fear, specifically for me the fear of leadership. The first story that I would like to bring to life in this digital story project would have to be the story of a little boy by the name of Tim who is having a hard time on his softball team. Tim has always been good at softball and knows how to play and make plays very well but because he is afraid to lead his team because of Jill who is a bully and refuses to listen to anyone but herself. Although, he knows this he also hesitates to step up to lead because he fears after possibly getting the chance to lead he will fail the team even if he knows in his gut he can get them to be a better team and work together. In the end Tim takes the team from Jill and the team is able to win their first game and because of Tim become a stronger team than they ever were. I propose this story choice because it allows the audience to see how important it is to trust in oneself, and that trying to be a leader means sometimes taking a risk as Tim did.

My second idea for a story is, having Lisa a new employee sit in on her weekly office meeting. Every week Lisa goes to work with a list of ideas which she knows can make the office run smoothly but chooses never to speak up because she fears having to lead a team. She does not want to drop the ball or be held accountable for any mishaps and because of this she sits back in each meeting. One day however Linda takes the lead in a meeting and proposes an idea which Lisa knows will lead to more problems. It is here where Lisa steps up and takes the role of a leader. She speaks her ideas, trusts her gut that her idea will be the better option, and asserts herself even though she fears the role she has placed herself in. This choice of story allows the audience to see that being a leader comes from taking risks and setting aside all fears.

For this project, my choice would have to be the story of Tim and Jill and the baseball team. I believe this story is fun, engaging, and allows to share the idea of how successful leaders come to be. This story can also be changed in such a way that when given the choice to participate in the story, a user will be given different choices that either allow them to have Tim become a leader or to stay in his current role.

I hope this reaches you well. I look forward to your input on this.