

In the beginning phase of my culmination project I was able to complete the main components that would shape the trajectory on how I executed my project concept in a timely manner. After finishing my culmination proposal and creating my calendar I was able to finalize my topic choice of the Wizard of Oz script/theme for the sound design of the theatrical show. After presenting my project concept to the faculty I explained that the presentation portion would consist of a powerpoint analysis of the script, sound effects from significant portions of the play using Qlab, and a recording/test of those sound effects in the theater.

The objective of the project is to make use of the original script by bringing it's most significant moments in the story come to life through the use of sound effects replicating those moments. I was able to begin the first few slides of my official powerpoint presentation and completed my first progress presentation powerpoint which explained in depth what my plan was. Additionally I was able to finish reading the full script and complete my own personal analysis of the script for the play itself. The next step which I will have to complete by this weekend would be to choose which portion or specific lines in the play I would like to use to make the sound effects for.

Additional improvements I was able to incorporate were simple revisions and dates/events added to my calendar. It is not as easy to abide by the deadlines I set for myself based on my calendar because time moves a lot faster than you imagined when listing the upcoming objectives that need to be finished. Some main points of feedback I was able to gain after presenting to faculty included some critics about my actual presentation process. I was told to avoid lengthy slides that were too wordy at first glance filled with information not necessarily organized in a way to keep the audience's attention. This is especially important advice because it's also not visually appealing to look at a presentation and the first slides are just paragraphs of words that the presenter is just reading off of. I was also advised to start my presentation automatically by describing the process of my project and what the overall objective is. A mistake I made in the first presentation was by starting with the less important details about me and what I've completed before actually making it very clear what my project is, the theme I chose, and the end goal in completing it. Lastly I was advised on being more descriptive when explaining the technical process in which I will be creating the sound for the parts of the script. I need to decipher, aside from creating my own sounds for the presentation, what additional sounds I will be using and from what sources I will gather them.