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Wrapped around my brain

My first reaction to repurposing was: “what the hell is this?” I was thinking about my terminology definition; which was ‘to adapt to another purpose’ and how she wanted us to use this approach on a website. After consulting another classmate and asking him what ‘repurposing’ is and how do we do this with our genre and/or discourse community, he had explained and honestly it was still unclear. Originally, I had thought you had to find another meaning to the discourse community or genre. In the end it turned out I was wrong. I had emailed the professor to ask how one could repurpose something. After our phone call, she was telling me that the whole thing was making either U1 or U2 ideas into a website. It was then I realized I was over-thinking the whole idea and making it complicated.

The mode of repurposing began to ‘gel’ and began to take a concrete form in my mind by thinking about which Unit project I wanted to do. When I decided that I wanted to do Bollywood, I had to read my essay again and write down the main points. After I wrote down all my main ideas and thought out my layout, I had started to do work on the powerpoint online. My initial plan for the website was to make it look as festive as possible. Bollywood culture is known for festivities and how the outfits and dance coordinates are unique. Many attempts of trying to decide on a background; I decided to make it simple. I did not want to do more than needed. I thought of how I can make the inside information detailed instead of the outside look. All my initial plans were workable, I was able to try and make it look festive as I could. I think that this website came out quite well due to how I added in music videos and songs. Even though the outside look was not as outstanding the information inside was quite well done.

There were some things inside my website that had to be altered, my spatial category being one. There was a lot of consideration within each slide; one being how I should place this text with this picture, another being how this music video fit in well with the entire main point of the slide. Another consideration was how can the audience come upon this website and find any information they might need if the information is specific enough. I think that the website had important and relevant information so that if the person who was thinking about researching Bollywood movies/song/dances can get a variety amount of information. After looking over my website even though some things had to change, I was able to keep my main information the same, I was able to get most of the ideas that I wanted onto the website.

I think as I continued to type my information on the website and look at the outputs of what my brain was creating it was quite debatable. After constantly thinking about the outcome, I just was like no more changes and lets submit it! The feedback I got from my first review was quite informative. I got more ideas of what I needed to accomplish, and it helped give me insight of what needed to be done. In addition, it helped me accomplish the parts of the website that I didn't know I needed. I think that everyone in the first peer review was able to be honest and gave a lot of basic insight. After looking over the peer review, the changes I made was the order of the ideas and pictures. I had just basic information and did not go in depth when I submitted it, so therefore after I got feedback, I had added changes to a lot of slides and improved quite a lot from when I first submitted it. After the second peer review, I felt much better to know that my website was getting to where I wanted it to be. I felt like there were more opinions of how I can improve my work. The changes I made was organizing my pictures and videos and adding the final detail about the main points.

Now towards the end of my website, I felt like I was able to reach most of my initial goals because I think the website came out very festive. I believe all my points were clear and the slides were

not boring. One major thing I had learned from this U3 project is that sometimes changes are meant to be made, no matter what, always be open to new ideas and how you can always improve. In addition, I learned that you need to have patience while creating a website; that sometimes you must take your time and research a lot. I honestly do not know what I would have done. Probably spend more time on the website and not procrastinate. I kept always saying “I will do it later”, but if I had just gotten it done right away and spend more time, I guarantee a better outcome.