



Creative Project Reflection

This project was definitely a lot of work, ^{because} first I thought I was going to do a research project on Edgar Allan Poe. I had everything planned out but once I dove into all the research and readings, I couldn't exactly make out a good research paper. I started brainstorming some ideas and I stayed on the topic of Poe but decided to make a movie poster announcing the film version of "The Raven." I read through the ^{poem} book again to refresh my memory of the setting in the book, so I could transfer that onto the movie poster. I also wanted the poster to have a short plot description involved in the poster. It took me forever to make the body and face of Poe, ^{and} it didn't turn out quite as perfect as I wanted but I think you can still make out that it is Poe without thinking twice. The bust or sculpture that the "raven" sat on was in the picture as well as the "raven." I also included the window and night sky with the moon in the background. I put the plot of the story on the back of the poster to read to the class during the presentation ^{and} I felt like I included the most important parts of the setting in the poster. ^{and} And overall created a great image for the class to see.

I put a lot of work into this project, ^{and} I honestly didn't think it was going to be so difficult and time consuming. I did have it all planned out until it all didn't work the way I wanted. So my creative project was all done on the last day. From 12 in the afternoon till 12 at night I was working on the project. I am the type of person to make sure everything is perfect, ^{and} I can't move onto the next thing until everything is the way I want it to be. So, this movie poster was an

Review the grammar rules about combining independent clauses.

incredibly time consuming project because I am presenting it to the class, I want it to be to the best of my ability for a good presentation and a good grade on the project. I was spending so much time on what colors and what exactly should go into the poster, it seemed so simple but I found out very quickly that it's not as easy as it sounds.. I also seemed to struggle to put the plot into a movie format on the back of the poster, so I just stuck with the actually plot of the book. After completing, maybe I should've chose a longer story to put as my movie poster but "The Raven" is my favorite writing by Poe. I don't see myself as a creative person, so this project was a little tough for me to find a place to start. After doing a little bit of research I found out that "The Raven" had already been turned into a movie with the story made differently for entertainment purposes. So I did without that because I didn't want the story to be changed in anyway. But in a way it helped me get a starting point. Especially since my research project on Poe was a bust.

I think "The Raven" can be significant ^{to} because people who have lost their loved ones like Poe has (he lost his wife from illness at a young age). Do those factors have a big impact on someone's life in the worst ways and eventually drive someone insane? And because of those factors I decided to add that as one of my discussion questions for the class to think about and answer. Maybe one of our classmates has lost someone at a young age and it has affected them in a lot of ways, maybe for the best or maybe for the worst. In Poe's writing it seemed like he was affected in the worst possible ways. Drugs and alcohol could also be a huge factor in the reasons he was affected. Sometimes we don't really think about the reasons why people write or feel the way we do. It may be normal to them but not to you. I think the way Poe thinks is incredibly interesting to me, but I don't relate to him at all, so it surprises me as to why I'm so interested in

him. And i'm not the only one who is interested in Poe, he uses such a strong writing style. The thrilling, gruesome and thought-provoking details seem to just catch a reader's eye.

Although I didn't work with a partner, in some ways I wish I did. When working with a partner you have two brains working at once. You and your partner may have two creative ideas that make the project that much better or you both may specialize in two different things that make the project better. The downside to that is you both may disagree on something and cause controversy. Or one partner may do all the work and you both get credit for it. I can't stand working with lazy partners.

Overall, I think I did a good job with my project. I connected the project to the themes we have been reading and the authors we have learned about. I also think my discussion questions gives^g the class something to actually sit and think about. Although i'm not the best artist I think the poster looks well put together and thought out. I worked extremely hard on the project, the questions and this reflection and I am proud of the final piece.