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Innovator Reflection

My original thoughts for my innovator was that I wanted it to have to do with something outdoors. I have always had a love and respect for the outdoors, so when this project was introduced to us I knew I wanted to do something related to that. My actual innovator project really came to be about a month after the project had already began. I had originally planned to take a series of photographs and overlay them with similar scenes to show the differences. I slowly began to realize this was not interesting enough for me nor did I really have a passion for it. So, I talked to my teachers and decided to use my essay from english, written on climate change, and create a magazine article out of it. I used principles that I had learned in design class to create my magazine and make it better than anything I had ever created. I learned a lot from my research process. There were tons of interesting facts about climate change that helped to shape the design elements that appeared in my magazine. My research paper really helped just give me background knowledge for my magazine. It helped me to come up with relevant color schemes and, like I mentioned, design elements.

I collaborated with other people when they gave me feedback on my projects. I received editing on my essay and editing on my magazine. My collaborations were all very successful because the feedback was all given to me in a positive and constructive way. If I could do this project over again I would change a lot of things. I would first change what I based my research paper on to something that I am more passionate and interested in, as well as something far more specific. Then from there, I would create a more detailed poster or advertisement in Adobe Illustrator. I would change all of these aspects of the project because I feel like the way I chose to approach the project was kind of boring and I wasn't completely satisfied with the outcome. I think I improved the most on my creativity and imagination skills. Although I could have been way more creative, when it came to actually designing my magazine layout and design elements, I struggled and overcame a lot of problems related to creativity and imagination.

I think I will use a lot of the experiences of this project in the future. I struggled a lot with creativity and I think that in the future I will be able to approach this type of situation differently and get more out of it. I feel like I innovated my own education quite a bit this semester. Whether I was working on the project or something else for school, I really enjoyed being able to learn what I wanted and what was actually interesting and valuable to me. I think this project allowed me to really understand the meaning of deadlines and time management. I would encourage others to try and stick to their

deadlines more. I would also recommend trying to set weekly goals that are actually reasonable and attainable. I really enjoyed this project!