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Wicked Arts Assignment Reflection Essay

Giving compliments can make someone's day but it also can make yourself happier. For the Wicked Arts Assignment I knew who my group was gonna be from the start. I think this was good because we went through all the possible options for our assignment together instead of all doing it separately and having all different ideas and understandings of each option. My group, Angie, Hattie, and I decided on the Assess the City project. We would give compliments through pins to random people. Though it was hard to get ourselves out there and do it we chose to do this project because we thought it would be good for us and a fun experience.

For the second week of this project we started brainstorming. Pretty early on me and my group knew we wanted to do it a little differently then in the book. The book describes this project by saying, "Evaluate your public space by bestowing badges and prizes for things you notice, love, or hate" (Page 60). Our twist was that instead of putting badges on objects, we wanted to make awards and hand them out. These would be like high school superlatives. The pins were for things like the best outfit, hair, makeup etc. We also decided to make these aimed towards girls. We just thought it would be more comfortable for us and we thought they would appreciate it. We started on the design and thought of the different badges we wanted to hand out. This would be what our first draft is. We started our trello board and added all the dates and stuff we needed to get make or do.

This week kind of got put at a standstill. We were planning on doing a test run with a few pins in liberty, but, unfortunately a storm was passing through. Because of this there weren't many people out and about. So, we decided to cancel it. Between waiting for the rain to stop and our materials for the book to come in, we didn't get much done. Mostly this week we planned out what we were going to say to the people receiving the pins. We were making sure we have all the materials ready for giving out the pins. Also early this week we showed our classmates the pins we made. I used a button maker my dad has to make them. We also saw what we could all bring in/do. We didn't really have distinct roles in the project, we all did about the same amount of work. At the end of this week we made our permission slip and got it signed so we could go out the next week.

This week was where we got a lot done. Starting on Monday we went out to little Italy with Jordan to give out the pins. Despite all the rain we still gave out 8 of the 12 pins. Proud of ourselves we headed back to the school to start putting out book together. We thought of good ways to display the Polaroids of the people and started designing what all the pages were going to look like. During this I started researching the impact on us and others from this project. The articles talked about how and why talking to strangers makes us happier. This is because we get to see a glimpse of someone else's world, seeing this can boost your mood and give a sense of belonging. We also had our second critique this week and it went pretty well. We showed the progress of the book and our classmates liked it.

This process spilled over into the next week. This final week was getting all of the pages ready to show and making sure we had our trello board updated. We also figured out how we

were going to showcase this project. We're going to put it on display for people to look at it and flip through the pages. The final exhibition of this project even though I wasn't there I heard it went well. Reflecting on what we got done I think we did very well with this project. Yes we distracted each other some but we got everything done in time and we did what we wanted to do. One thing I would change next time is making sure we know what to expect going out, this is like checking the weather for the day we're planning or knowing more exactly what to say. Despite this though, it was a good experience and a fun project to do.