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We spent three and a half weeks working on this project. During the first week, I chose my project and group members. I automatically chose to work with Mika, Skye S., and KK because they are my friends which can make them easier to be around/work with rather than someone I don't know that well. For the project, we had a lot of options. At first, I liked the idea of doing conspiracy theories and fake news because for conspiracy theories we could do interesting little field trips and take outside data and things, which I found would be really engaging. In the end, my group settled on Long Story Short because we thought it was an interesting way that we could share some of our individual life stories with an artistic twist. I had a hard time concentrating with them because I am used to being with them in more non-serious situations/environments but after the first period, it was a lot easier to get on track. In the future, I would still choose to work with them because even when it was difficult it was easier to communicate and the end product was good.

I didn't do much for Trello at first but KK got us going on using and knowing how to use it. I then started to contribute and add more to the Trello as well as keep track of our to-dos. Week two was a lot of brainstorming and trying to come up with a clear game plan for the project. It took me and my group a while to settle on one clear idea and once we did it was still feeling a little hectic for me. I had a hard time with how unstructured/vague the plan for what exactly we were going to do for the smaller parts of the project; it just felt a little bit stressful not to have an exact plan (things feeling out of control). After a few days though I was able to regain some structure to the project as well as let go a little bit. Having to try to let go a little bit felt a little weird and hard for me to do at first. Mainly because I need structure and direction because I like knowing what is going to happen for these types of things so I was a little stressed but after a bit, I was a little more okay with it. The original long story short project was to have twenty-three-word stories and small pictures that describe your life, we decided to split it up four ways and have five-three-word sentences and pictures each that are all together in one cohesive painting of a tree.

Week three was a little hectic, but everyone and I got things done by the end. We hadn't really discussed our roles ahead of time but I ended up being more on the managing and design spectrum of the project. The other members of my group did a lot as well but I just felt like sometimes I was being too insistent on keeping the project moving. After that, everything went at a pretty steady pace and my group members were making fast progress on their corners of

the painting. It took me a little longer to finish than they did though because either I was overthinking parts of my art piece or trying to over-perfect unnecessary things. This was specifically an issue for example when I kept re-doing my under sketches over and over so many times because one thing felt off. Then, repainting a lot because the pencil wouldn't erase enough to paint over, so I would then fall into this cycle of perfecting and redoing everything for a while until I realized I didn't need to. so, it pretty much got down to the last day for me. In the future, I will try to get less sucked into the little things to not waste time. Another challenge we had a little bit was gathering materials such as paint because Skye S. and I thought we had some paint at home but we didn't and we didn't have all the primary colors and such so we had to run around a little bit and work around that. So next time I will take extra precautions to make sure we have everything we need.

Week four was when we had our second critique. I thought it went fairly well considering KK and Skye S. were gone, but did have some trouble trying to find specific feedback for the group we were critiquing as well as trying to describe what we wanted them to give us feedback on. As I previously stated I finished exactly on the last work time we had. Mika then took photos of the project and sent them to Skye S. who then made a great video about our process basically by herself, besides for me and the group's feedback while making it. Lastly, Skye turned in our final video and photos and we were done right on time. In the end minus a few bumps, I'm really happy with the work I did and how much I was able to contribute and speak up in the project process, as well as all the great work my group did.