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Magic in the Music

Introduction

Close your eyes and look deep inside your heart. What would your truly wish for if you were given the chance? Would it be a wish that would benefit more than just you, or something based off of a personal issue. Now imagine as if your favorite song and the power of making your wish come true, just from listening to it. That is the main idea we had for our website. We already know that music is an extremely powerful thing. Turning this idea into a web site was the challenged we faced. As well as the rules and regulations we had to follow set by the Michigan Council of Women in Technology, but we had to also follow the grading scale set by our Advanced Web Design Teacher. With this all taken into consideration, we felt the pressure to make an extremely creative and lovely website based off our ideas. Finally we came up with what we both a website we feel reflects our three wishes creativity, comfort, and distance in a unique way.

Index

Our first page introduces the audience to our site and the background of how we found our genie. The overall purpose of the site is to let people know of the wishes we wanted to be granted by our magical genie. In our story, we found our genie at a music concert. This page was the most challenging because of the fact we had to make it from scratch. We also had to make sure that all of the code and pictures worked and looked nice. The audience will find our site interesting because it deals with music and our wishes our based off of song lyrics and not just by asking the genie. We also have it that the song grants the wish, unlike most who just ask the genie and they make them come true. We made our video using a muted camera since, when we had to listen to CD in the story, it had to be quiet and no one else could hear. We shot our first video, then we decided it don't do our site enough justice. We then shot a second video and edited our certain pieces. We used windows movie maker to add the text and to create the entire video. The final video adds meaning to our site because it gives the audience an insight of how we're suppose to use our wish and what

the rules were. The fact that we used multiple programs to edit our video; it helped meet The NETS benchmark of Technology Operations and Concepts.

Comfort

Our first wish is finding comfort in music. This was our last page to do since we didn't really have a song lyric or a picture idea to go with this wish. We ended up having to spend a lot of time researching and coming up with a song that would represent this wish. When we finally found our song, it was a huge relief. Our favorite process of the website was all the photo edits we had to do. The Photoshop edit we liked was adding the pillow pet to the genie because it looked really cute and enhanced the message of the page. We also liked finding all the quotes that represents our wish since, it added originality to the site. This does not go without saying that we hated certain aspects of the process. For instance, the roll-over code was a pain since, when you would roll-over, our images we grow bigger or smaller and most of the time did not work. We problem solved, and after trial-and-error, we found the solution. We ended up for each rollover having to rollover itself for each page it represented. We also decided to let the intro rollover get bigger because it emphasizes the importance of it. The NETS benchmark of Communication and Collaboration was met because my partner and I had to collaborate on not just the entire but specifically this page because certain aspects took longer than we expected.

Creativity

Our second wish is about creativity and expressing it freely. This was our first page to do since, we knew want we wanted to do and knew what song we going to base our wish. This page didn't really take much thought since, we wrote down what we wanted to do. This page and all our pages included our favorite photo edit our: Genie. When we first asked our friend to draw it, we thought it was going to be simple and would be easy to color. Boy, were we wrong. The first time we saw our genie we fell in love with it. Through the process of meeting on early release lunches we finally came up with our final product. The genie took several days and many headaches to complete. It became out favorite because it represented our site and was exactly how we pictured it. Once we were done with coloring genie, we added paintbrushes to her to make her more personalized for the page she represented. The lesson we used for her was coloring hand-drawn pictures. For the

genie we first had to scan to scan her into the computer. Then, at home we outline her using the brush tool with the color black. Then, we made the background disappear by using the magic eraser tool. Finally, we colored her by using the brush tool and the smart selection tool. The coding was quiet simple because we just had to copy and paste our index page, then personalize it for each individual page. The NETS benchmark that was met was Creativity and Innovation because we had to do drawn our own genie and personalize her on Photoshop.

Distance

Our third and final wish would be about distance. We wished that distance should not be an issue in a person's life. With this page, we wanted to emphasize the idea of miles set between two people. With this page, we took an image of the open road, and edited slightly in Photoshop. After adding a few effects done to the picture, we took our genie one last time and dragged and dropped her onto the picture, making it appear that she was on the open road. The dragging and dropping was harder than it may appear. Both pictures were two different photo formats, so it took some trial and error until we got it to work. We also took a picture of the yellow line painted on a road, cut it down, and set it as this page's custom banner. The coding for this page was fairly simple, all we had to do was edit some of the codes we previously used on the other pages to fit this specific topic.

Outro

An Outro is a conclusion or end piece of the musical piece. Thus, that is why we named our credits Outro. This page probably took the least amount of work because everything else was there and you didn't really have to come up with the rest of the story. We first added all the anchors for the page first since, that would take the longest to code and would be the most challenging. We then had to properly cite our sources which took some time because we had to fill into a different form for each source. The Pictures edit didn't take that much time because our effects were subtle. The code we struggled with were the bulleted list because we didn't know that you had to add the CSS code to every, single line of text. We then had to go back and include it which took a while to do. The other problem was the spacing because the line length was different than the other pages. Even though the Outro page seemed simple, it was a lot more work than my partner or I expected**.** The NETS

benchmark of Digital Citizenship was met because we had to learn how to properly cite our sources and why we needed to cite them.

Conclusion

Through out this whole process we learned how to problem solve, and over come obstacles. Time management was crucial during this whole process, because if you spent too much time on something, it can force you not to finish something. If you spend too little time on something, it can make your entire page look bad. Working in a partnership made a lot of our issues easier, because there were two of us to work on everything. Where the one lacked ideas, the other made up for it. We pushed ourselves in this, and in the end the effort shows. Our website came out to something we are both proud of and love.