Self-Analysis of Final Project

Areas of improvement:

Design of media, may be way too complicated. I know I tend to use too many words/ too many visuals and would probably benefit for cutting out at least half of what I put in to these pieces. They may be too busy for getting to the point, and I probably would have been better off with paring it down some. I simply ran out of time to go back over stuff. I was sick for two weeks, and then got sick again, and this is the busiest time of year for me at my job, so I let things be as they were. Sorry, no time to edit. Lesson learned, everything will take way longer than anticipated so start early and edit, as you go along.

I am not the most organized person in the world and I created projects using different passwords, not realizing that I would need these projects later on in the course to refer to and use, so warn people about setting up a file folder for the passwords of the different software since it will save them time and trouble later. I didn't even remember half of what I had already done; let alone how to go back and het access to it, lol.

I was disappointed by the fact that we couldn't get the H5P plugin loaded into word press for this course and others to use, since H5P seems like a really useful tool to have in your tool belt for presentations. It wasn't a game changer since I was able to create a Quizzlet to mimic the H5P, but it looked and acted better in H5P, but in the free version, I wasn't able to get as many click troughs as I needed for my presentation I needed 15 and free only allowed 8.

My biggest challenges were with Word Press, getting it to do what was required and uploading to the Word Press site and figuring that process out. Also how software acts in Word Press as well can be an issue without a dedicated plugin. I would do something and not realize that it would open a new tab every time, and then got confused which one I was working/ editing. Thankfully I figured it out, and it came in handy that it auto saved previous versions, because when I deleted something by mistake, I was able to go back in and restore it.

This was an issue I was having with Google slides trying to change the timing of the slides for my presentation. The default rate is set to 3 seconds. That is too fast for me, so I googled and got an answer of how to do it using publish to web link, gives you the ability to set the timing of slides to greater amounts, here is the link I got, but it wouldn't upload to WordPress.
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vTRFgxRAsJIoCTinRY8R_eqcRl0ZVtXtzE-7EUbUbFgsGIxFra0DLlC7HY_h9d-8DLkS4fIpSx38Dbk/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=15000

This link from the same google slides using the sharing link to get the embed code works in word press but defaults back to the 3 seconds so I had to use it. Simply ran out of time futzing with it, over and over again.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1X5cSvE-0CF4guwpHpCORBR73_rCrtn7FznEk_iJnhzo/edit?usp=sharing

I do not understand how you can get two very different links from the very same google slides doc? Oh well, I tried at least.

Big challenges with this old laptop freezing up even now, anyone taking this course should be able to have the space to download and use software that may or may not be compatible.

Successes:

I learned that my first versions of anything can always be improved upon, so maybe allow for time for revisions. Proofreading by someone else, which unfortunately did not happen, surely would have helped as well. I really liked that you could try something in Word Press, and see how it looked and then change it if you didn't.

I found that having the Presentation Plan to refer back to was extremely helpful to me. I would get lost in ideas, then refer back, and say of yeah that's what I am supposed to be working on. I didn't always follow it, but having a plan definitely helped me out here.

For me the biggest success is in actually getting Word Press to work. I was not a happy camper, I cursed a great deal during this course, but I got through it and it's presentable, as a first try at a website attempt. I got a feel for it at least, how you have to update first in order to save it.

Actually the biggest success is that I made it through to the end of the course! I learned many things along the way, and I don't hate my laptop after all really. I really enjoyed the creative aspects of this class and feel more confident in my abilities to use digital media now than when I first started, so that is a BIG WIN. Thanks for helping me to get my feet wet.