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# MAURITS GROENENEDIJK REFLECTION

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At first I had no idea what subject to pick. There were so many interesting ones. And when I heard you had the option to make a documentary I knew what I wanted to do. I only needed to find a partner. So after a while I found Beyza. We both were okay for any subject, so started discussing about everything we liked and found suitable for a documentary. And in the end decided on doing it about memes, because this is one of our common interests.

After deciding on the subject we found out it was quite hard to find motivation to really start working on our documentary. Especially the research part was a tough one. We postponed it longer than we should have, but in the end finally got ourselves together and started researching.

Because memes aren't really a "scientific subject" it was hard to find well sourced information about their origin and other information. We found out that there was a lot of great info in other movies and documentaries about our subject, so this was a relief.

For a documentary of 10 minutes it is very important that all your information you showcase is straight to the point. Because 10 minutes isn't that much time to tell a full story. So we started deviding our research into different chapters we thought were suitable for our subject. It would be more clear like this, not only for ourselves but also for the viewer.

Another thing we really wanted to do was make the entire documentary in the style of memes. So we looked at a lot of different memes and videos about them. And when I say a lot, I am talking about hundreds of videos and maybe thousands of pictures. Inspired with all those pictures and videos we started working on the style of the documentary.

After that we combined all of our research and started working on the storyboard and script of the documentary, which I think was the most fun part. Especially with the meme-related voice over we have chosen.

After combining all of the different elements, story, voice over, video footage, interviews and ofcourse all the research we had finally finished the documentary. Maybe a bit on the late end. And not 100% as we would have liked. But we're still quite proud of the end result. And happy with how it all worked out.

# BEYZA KAYGISIZ REFLECTION

(420 words)

I was a bit scared at first because I do not have writing or research-based lessons at my home school. I have never done a research-based project before and have not write a report. So I thought it would be good to do this project with an experienced friend in this subject and it might be fun to do this project with Maurits. First we talked about our common points. We made a list and finally we decided about our subject: Memes. It was a topic that attracted both of us and that we could have fun while doing. Our research period was a bit long. Because it took a long time to come together and combine our researches. If we started this process before, we could spend more time in the animation part. Then we started writing the text that we would use in the documentary. This was perhaps the most important point of the project because 10 minutes is a short time to tell all of our researches correctly. We told stories by separating them into chapters so we thought that we could tell the story more fluently. We tried to do everything ourselves during the animation phase. Although we are not very good at this, it was an opportunity to improve ourselves. We Inspired by memes as a style. We did something far from the perception of correct and beautiful design, we used the ugliest color transitions and fonts because we could reflect the soul of this current just like that. We used robot voice as a voiceover because real human voice would not fit very well. We were happy to find a voice-over sitting right in with the story we wanted to tell. We have prepared a documentary that is aesthetically distant but very close to the meme world. If we look for a negative side, we could make a more detailed and nice documentary but we had to start earlier for this.

This lesson taught me a lot about making research. After that I will start with a proper research for my every project. It was also another contribution to share knowledge in different subjects with a completely different educated person. Maurits added a lot to me. I have learned to be more disciplined in every aspect because I worked with someone which is not close friend of mine. As a result of this project, even if I am happy with result, I know that I have to work more programmatically for the next time.