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Capstone

### **Interviews:**

Parlin, Kayla, "Interview with Kayla", Interview, 24 January 2023, Audio, Transcript, [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FvQExRyRDJUME0285bA7ELaoXRjx8trd?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FvQExRyRDJUME0285bA7ELaoXRjx8trd?usp=share_link)

So I had an interview with Kayla, she was the one who helped me throughout my writing because she also is a writer. There were moments where I had struggles, and I needed someone to lend an ear ready to hear spoilers and what ideas I could do next for my writing. Through this interview, I would have to do more outside look at the topic I was writing about. We were able to talk about twists and how my character would develop at the end. And now with the help of her suggestions, I would be able to finish in time before my meeting with my mentor.

Singleton, Abigail, "Talk with Abby", Interview, 24 January 2023, Audio, Transcript, [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FvQExRyRDJUME0285bA7ELaoXRjx8trd?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FvQExRyRDJUME0285bA7ELaoXRjx8trd?usp=share_link)

So I had an interview with Abigail (Abby). I needed an outside source to react to my capstone as a whole. I needed someone in my age range to see how they feel about it being a capstone. Also within the interview, I was able to get some insight on what I should put on the website. To keep it fresh and it can last long throughout the year. And with students going to use it, they are going to keep it fresh and be used for a long time. Also with my writing being a romance, and to see what genre students are into these days to get a feeling of how they would react.

### **Inspiration (Novels/Excerpts):**

Walker, Alice, *The Color Purple*, 1st Harvest Edition- 2003, 18 December 1985

So how I thought about my writing as a whole changed because of this novel. Instead of making it like a whole completed novel with chapters. Like in the novel where it is done in each so-called chapter, it is done by diary letters. So instead of writing in chapters, I decided to do it in segments. Because a whole chapter book will be too long and I will not have time to make the website if that was the case. And I realized how okay that is when it comes to writing that it does not need to come out like a full-on novel. It does not need to be perfect.

Collins, Suzanne, “The Hunger Games”, Excerpt, *The Hunger Games*, 14 September 2008

Another author I learned about in creative writing class. As we know the book is a dystopian world but the book is different from the movie. Within the book, the writing style is very descriptive of the scene rather than the character and their dialogue. Also the use of expression and emotion within thoughts. Doing so affects the plot. And that is something I notice I seem to do with all of my writing. I needed to look at a successful writer and see how she did it compared to how I did it and my story to see if I needed to change anything.

Doerr, Anthony, “Cloud Cuckoo Land”, Excerpt, *Cloud Cuckoo Land*, 28 September 2021

Yet one other author I learned about in creative writing class. As said before about Suzanne Collins, expression is a technique. In doing so, one of Anthony Doerr’s techniques is to alternate perspectives. In doing so, we see why and how everyone reacts the way we do. With this skill, it brings out the hidden emotions that the readers can see rather than the character in his story. This is important for my character in my story so that the plot will make sense and we understand why the characters feel the way they do. It will drive the readers insane making them want to read more about what will happen like Doerr.

King, Steven, “Fairy Tale”, Excerpt, *Fairy Tale*, 6 September 2022

The last few authors I got to learn while in creative writing class. The way he makes plots is generic. Nothing is really new. But it is the technique of making a realistic story with some fiction, the drive to wanting readers to engage more. I needed an idea like this. Like with this story, it is a normal everyday scenario that suddenly gets changed is what ticks people. And I will have that type of feeling within my story. Especially with that book, because it was really normal with a bit of an extra twist that throws readers off.

Yu, Charles, “Interior Chinatown”, Excerpt, *Interior Chinatown*, 28 January 2020

This was one of the authors that I learned about in creative writing class. I feel like in general, his style of writing is an influence on the way I write. Like one of his techniques within the novel was figurative language. The novel can be off at first glance but makes sense to me. And I love poetry and the use of figurative language. In doing so my writing has a way of being poetic in the sense that it flows. And I could see that in all of my writing including the story I have been working on.

### **For Website:**

Glover, Jordan. "Top 12 Cheapest Website Builders in 2023: From \$4/month." Website Builder Expert. 5 January 2023, <https://www.websitebuilderexpert.com/website-builders/cheap>

So when I first started to research making a website. My CTE friend recommended me this website to help me choose which website builder is the best for my case. And I have carefully looked at each one to see what each had offered. There are websites designed purposefully for a certain idea. Whether that is for promotion or shops. Because based on my capstone, one of these websites would be able to help me fulfill my capstone the way I wanted. Which is the closest match for blogging websites. And after I chose one, which I am sure I know which one, my CTE friend who knows how to make a website can begin helping me.

"There's a plan for you." Word Press, Website Builder, 27 May 2003, <https://wordpress.com/pricing/?aff=7253&cid=18156689>

So will some hard research I had decided for a while that this is the website builder I am going to use. And on the bright side, I was able to see a cost that I can afford that works well with what I am doing. And luckily the CTE friends that have helped me from the start are familiar with this version of the website builder. And luckily the category I am working on is cheaper and on the easier side of website building. Now I just need to follow my schedule and start working on it when the time comes after I finish with the draft of my writing pieces.

Harris, Synai, and, Hang. Devin, and, Foley, S Davis, A, and, Cole, P, "Harpo Who Dis Women", Podcast, Anchor, January 2023, <https://anchor.fm/seyiram-foley>

I considered this as a source because this help me give an idea of what I should put on the website other than my writing story. I could even upload the episodes I worked on like this one to the website. I am taking the ideas from another friend and trying to add more to the website to keep it fresh so that other students would want to use this website. This is purely just an idea. I might just stick to just writing of every sort, but if It is better and possible to add something like this for the time being, it would definitely be worth a shot.