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My documentary was about how volcanos are formed and how they erupt and what dangers they could bring in this evaluation I will be self-analysing where I went wrong and how I could have done better.

Planning:

For my project I made a documentary about volcanic eruptions and how they are formed and how they work. My inspiration was a documentary I watched a few weeks ago on volcanoes and it inspired me to delve into the science behind them. During planning my documentary i researched thoroughly and got my information from a trusted site. I should have got interviews with people who have witnessed a volcanic eruption for a fresh perspective on the matter. I also should have created mood boards to research my documentary creatively. I would create a script for my project so that I could read more clearly from it and knew what I was saying during my documentary instead of going off on a tangent.

Production:

During production I found images that relate to my documentary and edited it with a voice over describing the dangers of a volcano and how it erupts. I also created a picture of a volcano for my title sequence and end credits. In future I will use create my own images to go with my voice over just in case I was copyrighted I would also add more sound effects and footage from volcanoes and the chaos it ensures. I would also animate he title sequence to have lava flowing down the volcano instead of it just been a still image.

I would also speak more clearly as I messed up some of my lines and made it hard to hear my voice. Doing these would greatly increase the quality of my documentary and will keep this in mind for future projects.

I would have added more B-roll into my documentary and created suspense and changed the soundtrack to make it build tension since that’s the whole point of a volcano which I failed to do in my documentary. I could have made my whole documentary longer but the reason for this was due to the fact I started late on the project, and I rushed it, so it was in on time for the deadline.

My documentary was a factual one not an expository one. The reason for this change was because I wanted to educate people instead of exposing anything about the volcanos. I also failed to show the beauty of a volcano because it was hard to find that without experiencing it myself and getting my own footage. Although I showed some of my creative mindset I could have done better and shown my full creative potential instead of holding back from it. For instance, I could have used my own pictures and annotations instead of using royalty free pictures.

When it came to exporting it, I struggled to find how to export it and post to YouTube this was due to the fact this was my first time doing this this way and now I know for future reference. I couldn’t figure out how to export the title sequence and edit it to make an end credit sequence this took about three or four tries before I figured it out and realised where I went wrong I did originally have a different title sequence but through my own fault I lost it when college update the macs and wiped them I should have made sure it was on digital space before leaving and saving it which was very stupid of me and this led me to creating a new one that wasn’t quite as good as I had hoped.

In conclusion my documentary could have been a lot better if I hadn’t rushed into it and planned it thoroughly. This would have increased better quality and better audio. Which is one of the main things wrong with my documentary. I did well in terms that I met the deadline and made a documentary and researched it using a reliable source however it should have been a lot better than it was and that was my biggest flaw in the documentary making.