The topic that I have been researching all quarter is effects of music. This general topic was more of the effects on the brain and emotions. Overall basis, the topic was about music. Music has been around my life since I could even remember anything. When I was younger my grandpa was in a band and had taught me how to play the guitar. As I grew up I learned how to play the ukulele and the piano. I was also in a band class where I learned how to play the trumpet. I was the third ranking trumpet player in the band. To most that would not seem like a huge deal but in the class it was a battle for that spot. Coming to college I soon progressed my musical instruments to making electronic music on the computer. I purchased this launchpad that has 64 keys and can play a wide range of music. I was in the school choir as well and eventually performed at the local town theatre in front of hundreds of people. At that moment I was opening for a huge band that had came down from Seattle. Music is one of my greatest passions as everyday I try to learn something new with music. That usually consists of just learning a new song on the ukulele or just making music on the computer. That’s just all my musical background though.

The first piece of the eportfolio is the online news article that I had done. The article is a comparison of how music that specifically deals with hip hop has changed over the years. The article includes a ranking chart of many lists that involves music. This relates to my topic as it is a kickstarter introducing how hip hop was back in the past compared to how it is now. This
mainly shows the influence in how the lyrics have changed. I used this as more of a purpose to show how old school hip hop had a totally different influence than hip hop in modern times. In the article I include lyrics from old hits and new hits. From there I allow the reader to compare the lyrics and analyze how the lyrics don’t have the same meaning.

The annotated bibliography was about potential sources and giving background information on the sources. I also explained the genre conventions of each source and stated how it would help my research paper. This helped the overall assignment as it cut down time on finding sources and always giving a reminder of what each source is about.

The literature review was combining sources that relate and giving a compare and contrast of the sources that I had put together. This helped because it summed up what the sources were about and made sure that each source was on topic and that none was way out off subject.

The argumentative essay is the gold of the assignment. I explain how music deals with parts of the brain and how affects our emotions. I also went back on the topic of how music in hip hop is beginning to change and will have a negative effect on children. This related to the topic as it was the heart of the topic giving the benefits of music and how it helps. This took much steps as trying to find counter arguments was quite difficult. There is not much to argue towards that music does not help or does not affect the emotions of people. I more or so tried to raise awareness of how music can help.
The remix project I took an approach of a more entertaining situation. I felt like the argument essay was more serious and I wanted to show a comical scene of one the examples I included in the argument essay. This helped the topic as a gave a visual representation of the topic of how it can help during physical activity.

Brainstorming for each piece was more of a step by step process. Finding information for each assignment gave me new insights on what to research and what to try to include. Starting with the online news article, with that assignment I found that just comparing wouldn’t be enough and which led me to thinking of the effects it had on the brain. I then researched the ways music was helpful and to my surprise I found a lot of information.

Revising each assignment I made sure all present information was on topic and how viewers could learn from the information. I learned throughout the course that a first draft is writing down any information was found or thought of. After that I had gone through and revised the assignments taking out the irrelevant information and enhancing the juicy information. This process is very helpful as I always struggled to have much information and gave me a new way of writing essays.