Reflection

Design

Which stages of the design process do you feel were the most helpful and why?
Having to design our proposal site into separate web pages really built my knowledge of CSS and gave me a wonderful foundation to jump start my final web page. This practice was very helpful.

What critical feedback did you receive from your peer review?
My peers felt that I should add a box for the text in the center of my pages, that I should create a logo, and also that I should make my backgrounds match on all pages.

What alterations did you make to your design after the peer critique process and why? Additionally, what feedback did you decide not to act on and why?
I acted on most of the feedback as you can see from my web page. I didn’t create an extensive logo but kept it simply due to time constraints.

Development

References: Provide citations and links for any tutorials, borrowed code, templates or other resources you used to develop your website.
I used Jamie’s proposal site example style sheet for a lot of examples. I also made www.w3schools.com my home away from home. I couldn't remember all the sites I visited trying to find information but here are a few.

Works Cited:
<li><a href="http://css-tricks.com/64-css-transparency-settings-for-all-browsers/">More CSS tricks</a></li>
<li><a href="http://www.3school.com">W3 Schools</a></li>
<li><a href="http://www.playlist.com/playlist/get_code">Play list code</a></li>

What feedback did you record during usability testing in the last class?
My peers felt I needed more uniformity as far as backgrounds were concerned. There were some things misaligned with the navigation bar and the text boxes on the center of the page. It was also suggested that I directly imbed my Prezi in my website. There were also a few more minor suggestions with general alignment as well as a few grammatical and spelling mistakes. Also one individual seemed unsure about the contact information at the bottom of the page. There was one comment on having a visited link change colors (I tried but was not successful). It was also suggested that the link be a different color for the page you were currently on so that you knew where you were. There were several comments about the copyright piece at the bottom. People also commented on how the header spacing was weird and didn’t line up; the black didn’t go all the way across the top of the page. As you can see I changed that.

What alterations did you make to your design after the peer critique process and why? Additionally, what feedback did you decide not to act on and why?
I felt like I tried to work with all the feedback. I created a more uniform look with my backgrounds trying to use the colors and designs that my peers felt looked better. I realigned most of the elements in my website. I also created a contact page so that my contact information would be more visible and then I removed the copyright piece completely. I didn’t make my links change colors after they were visited because I could not figure out how. I tried several different methods but nothing worked effectively. But the feedback my peers provided really guided me in the continuing development of my site.
If your final, functioning website does not align with any of the aspects of your proposal site (e.g., sitemap, mockups), you will need to provide a sound rationale for this here. My final website does align fairly well, however as my knowledge of html & CSS grew I learned what I could and could not do thus altering the visual aspects of my website. I got a lot of ideas as I worked through the quarter so my website developed and grew accordingly.