

For our project we were tasked with choosing an environmental issue and conducting research on the chosen topic to create a podcast talking about the global environmental issue we covered in class from under reported stories. For my topic I didn't want to research an issue that has already been talked about such as air pollution or recycling issues. In the end, I ended up choosing to research water treatment facilities. I decided this was a good topic since these treatment plants recycle water for us to use but they don't get enough credit in my opinion so I thought talking about them would do them some justice. After choosing my topic I needed to conduct research on it.

I decided that I needed at least two scholarly articles to base my research off of so I looked up water treatment facility issues and scoured the web. I then stumbled upon two which I then read multiple times to get the most out of my research process. I mainly looked for issues they talked about and a little bit of how the facilities worked. Additionally, I tried to see if they had any solutions to the problems they mentioned which they fortunately did have. I also ended up looking up a third article because I needed to find more solutions to the problems water treatment facilities encountered.

After conducting my research I needed to construct my script for the podcast. To go about this I just wrote a short essay explaining my research and the issues I encountered as well as the solutions to combat the issues. During this process I found it very hard to make it sound natural and casual like someone talking in a podcast while also trying to make it sound informational and professional. In the end I think the script was alright although it could've definitely sounded more like someone having a conversation with another person rather than someone reading an essay. Finally, after finishing my script I had to go about and actually record the podcast.

Recording the podcast wasn't as easy as I had thought it would be. For one, everytime I tried to record I would accidentally stutter on a line or two. In addition, my mouth also felt to dry or too moist to speak. This made the recordings sound unpresentable in my opinion and I ended up deleting a majority of them. I had so many bad recordings that I ended up giving up on my recording session and decided to just eat some breakfast and take a break. After my meal, I had 3 more recordings before I decided to give up on having a perfect recording and tried again one more time. I recorded the last one and after hearing I thought it was alright and posted it as my final podcast.

In conclusion I thought this project was very tedious and a little bit more annoying than fun. Doing the research, scripting, and recording was very annoying, boring, and took a lot more time than I wanted it to. I had to do this project combined with my other work from classes which added to the stress I had with finishing out the semester. However, I wasn't feeling annoyed about the entire project. I did enjoy learning more about water treatment facilities and the issues they face. The research I did on them gave me more appreciation for the work they do for our society. So in the end the project was annoying but I still enjoyed the learning aspect a little bit.