

Capstone Written Project

Please write in the first-person about your project.

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Why did you choose this project? (3+ sentences) *

I chose this project because board games are very special to me. It is a world filled with digital distractions; a board game is an escape into another realm. I love how Gabe Barrett explains board games. He says it is a fun machine: you put time in and get fun out. I hope to offer other people the ability to connect over a physical shared experience.

What is a project(s) you didn't choose? Why? (2-3+ sentences) *

I could have chosen a project related to music, but I decided not to. I wanted to push myself to grow in a new area of life.

What are some obstacles you faced while working on your project? (3+ sentences) *

This project involves lots of time management because board games can take an infinitely long amount of time to make. Additionally, there were many aspects of board game creation I had to learn from scratch. For example, I had no idea that designing coherent card design was so difficult. Furthermore, writing rules are like developing a complex machine that will not break. I overcame these challenges by listening and talking with people who have designed bestselling board games. Through this I could apply their methods to my own game.

What has been your biggest takeaway from your project? How has it helped you grow? (4+ sentences) *

Starting this project, I realized that my time management skills needed significant improvement. I would work on the project for huge chunks of time, then not touch it for a week. I used this project as an opportunity for personal growth in managing my time. I started allocating one hour a day to this project and set up multiple playtests to keep myself accountable.

How do you see this project, and your growth from it, helping you in the future? (3+ sentences) *

In the future, while I may never make another board game; the skills in leadership, grit, and time management will stay with me for the rest of my life. Additionally, board games are a great way to gather people in community with one another.

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