

This project is something that I had to spend a lot of time thinking about what I wanted to research. My only final project was not applicable to a multi-media project. Because of this, I decided to do a passion project, something I found interesting, the Ohio State Reformatory in Mansfield, OH. I drove past this place every day on my way to work this summer, and I wanted to share my knowledge on the prison with the rest of the class. It is one of the unique parts of my community that separate from the rest of small-town USA, and has created a strange sort of niche for itself. From ghost hunting to history learning, there's dozens of reasons to love the Ohio State Reformatory, and I believe it should be more well-known than it is.

The first part of the project I started was the five photos. I searched for both black and white older photos and modern photos of the facility. I found two pairs of photos that are of the same or similar parts of the prison. Because the landscape around the prison has changed so much, it would be impossible to find exact matches. Taking these photos, I overlaid them and put a layer mask on the top photo. Then I used a black to white gradient on the layer mask to get the photos to fade into each other. This gave me two awesome photos that helped illustrate how the reformatory has transformed since it held prisoners. I also wanted to highlight the most fun part of the prison: the alleged ghosts. For that, I started with a creepy photo of one of the hallways in the prison and a wedding photo from inside the prison. I found appropriate pictures of ghosts for each and then added them and blended them into the background of the photo. These photos added to the creepy but fun theme I was going for. Lastly, I made a logo for my website. To do this, I added a brown antique filter to a black and white photo. Then I put light pink type over the picture. I think this photo goes with my them as well, because it has an air of mystery about it, but the pink text is interesting and entertaining to look at.

After that, I went on to researching about my topic. I had a lot of background knowledge on the Reformatory, so I had a good starting point, but I needed more. So, I went online and read news articles. There were many local articles to use, but also a few national ones. I decided to also research all the

wonderful events that take place at the prison. This went with my theme of the transformation of the reformatory. It helped with the fun identity of my website as well, because so many of the events are so unique to both Mansfield as a town and the Ohio State Reformatory itself.

Finally, I had to make my video. Unfortunately, I became ill and lost my voice, so I could not record any audio to go with my video. But, I did find quite a few news and television clips that talked about the Ohio State Reformatory. I took one of these clips and added some effects, such as titles and some keyframe clips to add variety to the news clip. I also added a few pictures over the audio to make it more dynamic. From there, I took a short clip from a ghost hunting show about how scary the reformatory is. I then added another clip from the news show, and added more titles and sound effects. I inserted the photo I made of the ghost at the end of the hallway, because it was a little creepy and I thought it went with the video. I wanted this video to be a little humorous, because it is funny to me how serious some people are about ghost hunting. In the end, I am proud of how my project came out. To me, it has a similar identity to Reformatory itself. A little goofy, a little creepy, but it has a whole lot of character, both inside and out. I just hope nobody thinks my website is haunted!