Core Competency Reflection

During my Lego Stop Motion project I used communication when taking each individual photo. This required a lot of patience and coordination between my partner and I, so communication was very much necessary. Since we used good communication it made the process move smoothly and made it less stressful. A specific example of when I used communication with my partner was when we had to move the Lego characters in tight spots because I had to make sure not to bump the camera to much and she had to make sure my hand wasn’t in the pictures. It was a long and painful process, but since we communicated so well it shortened and made it a lot easier. In order to further develop in this core competency, I need to stay on top of things and ignore distractions around me. This will produce better quality work and will be a more efficient way of finishing group work.

Another core competency I used was creative thinking. I used creative thinking when making the rough outline of the project. I had to draw out everything that was going to happen in each scene. Such as sound effects/dialogue, camera angles, and what actually happens in the scene. The way I used creative thinking the most was when I was picking out different scenes from the book and translating them into motion. Ways that I can continue to grow in this core competency are thinking outside the box and trying new things that are out of my comfort zone. Another way is finding different techniques or tricks to make the stop motion unique and more interesting to watch.

The last core competency I used was social responsibility. Since this was a group project and the environment was very free and independent, I had to be responsible in order to stay on task. Also, I had to make sure that I did my part for the group and keep us organized and on schedule. In group or partner projects it’s even more important to stay on task than solo projects because you can’t let the rest of your group down. Another way I used social responsibility was by taking leadership in parts of the project such as making sure we got the additional footage that we needed in order to make the video longer. A way that I can improve even further with my social responsibility skills is trying to encourage other classmates and group members to contribute more and do my best to include everyone no matter the effort that is given.