The Resilient LGBTQ+ Community in the Holocaust https://youtu.be/B-7S3hnn0g0?si=HMs10K-gT2ISGIEy

Process Paper

I chose the topic of LGBTQ+ individuals who were persecuted in the holocaust because I know many individuals personally who have dealt with bullying and stereotypes. I am passionate about keeping inclusivity alive and helping all those who do not conform to society's expectations be accepted and kept safe. I strongly believe it is a human right to exist as yourself, and simultaneously be accepted by those around you. This relates to this year's contest prompt because LGBTQ+ people were persecuted during the holocaust regardless of whether or not they were Jewish, and even if that played a part in their persecution, they were still judged for being a part of the LGBTQ+ community in Nazi Germany.

I chose to use a video as my form of media because I consider myself to be a very creative person and I thought it would be fun to use a new medium. I believe that one of the best ways to get ideas across is by speaking them. When I say things out loud, it gives you more time to truly process the information given and the things people had to go through.

I started by collecting sources and photos to use from the White Rose website. I used a source list document created by my teacher, Mr. Hewitt, to keep track of the sources I had gotten information from, as well as the photos I planned to use.

I began to write a script by using information from the websites and taking notes on what I gathered. With the summarization of these sources, I was able to get a rough draft of a script started. I started to import the photos I had gathered into iMovie and put my information in order, however, I realized I had too much information, and I needed to remove what wasn't necessary for my message and story to get across. With the help of 3 of my friends, I edited my script to be more informative and professional. I got to an appropriate length of time, and I then worked towards my reflection being a suitable amount of time.

My historical argument is that LGBTQ+ people were resilient despite nazi persecution, and they will continue to be resilient even when facing the world's current issues with LGBTQ+ people. The LGBTQ+ community is strong and will continue to be for the sake of their rights and the safety of future generations.

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