

Honors Blog Post Assignment

In my Technical Writing class we did a Comparative Analysis Formal Analytical Report on Powerpoint and Prezi to determine which presentation software was better. The inquiry question that had guided this report was which presentation software was appropriate for college students to use for their success. The question framed my research by doing research was choosing different criteria to help guide my question. I had to do research based on the criteria I chose.

The specific criteria that I had used was ease of use in terms of how easy was powerpoint and prezi were to use based off the software and the website itself. I used that particular criteria because both powerpoint and prezi are both easy to use but they do have some differences and similarities in terms of the presentation software. One source that I chose not to use during this assignment was <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNShAKEn>. I chose not to use this because I felt as though it didn't give me enough information for my report. A source that I used for my report was Safar, A. H. Educating with Prezi: A New Presentation Paradigm for Teaching, Learning, and Leading in the Digital Age. I used this source because it talked about a study that was held at a university to help students with their educational challenges and that prezi was better to use to help students improve their challenges. An obstacle that I faced was finding sources that fit ease of use since using Powerpoint and Prezi are similar. I overcame that by

going to the library and having them help me find sources on their databases that would fit for ease of use for prezi.

Some of the major things that I have discovered doing this report was

- Powerpoint is more used by students - I use powerpoint slides because more common to use and you don't have to spend money on it. It saves on your google docs
- Prezi costs money depending on what package you pick- what I learned about this is that you need to be able for whatever package you pick for a whole month.
- Powerpoint and Prezi have more slides to choose from when making a powerpoint presentation- a connection between prezi and powerpoint have the same slides but you pick from multiple templates of your choosing if you are doing something outside of making a powerpoint. You can choose a template for applying for a job.

An article that I thought was interesting and it talked students who used Powerpoint or Prezi got better results on their papers. The overall result of this study was people who used Prezi got better results on their papers when they followed the flashed based prezi presentation tool. This article was interesting because I didn't know that you could use prezi to write papers.

Some of the things that I learned about myself doing this project is that research takes a lot of time to look through and to gather information. I don't think that there would be anything that I would change about my own research process.

