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# AIM110.1 Project 1: Genealogy Tree

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## Genealogy Tree:

<https://padlet.com/10320531/alisa-maekinen-genealogy-tree-untggns2vxjdl7d>

## Mid-project reflection:

I have identified that my challenge for this project is how hard it is to find the information, because I feel like at the same time there are so many articles about my artists' inspirational sources, but at the same time there's not enough. Or at least not enough reliable sources where I can see where they got the information from. Hence I had to change one of my artists because I simply couldn't find enough information. Another thing is that so many articles require you to subscribe in order to access the interview. How I'm approaching these tasks is that I am going through one artist at a time, but I feel like I get stuck if I don't immediately find suitable sources. I think I could improve this if I would just move to the next artist, and then come back later. An example of my research is finding what Aurora's all-time favorite band is. *"Gojira is my favorite band of all time, they're lovely, I've seen them live two times"* (Stone, 2016). My next step with this project is to start researching information about my final artist Billie Eilish. I first had Bang Chan as the 3rd artist, but even after hours of research on various platforms I just simply couldn't find enough information, or at least reliable sources, so I decided to switch him up.

Communication skills that I've used for this project so far are discussing this project with my classmates and asking for feedback from my teacher, which are also communication skills you need for this. Because talking with other people can give you more insight as to how to be more effective in research. The feedback that I've received is about my text in citations being too long, so I modified them to be appropriate for the APA7 reference style. Additionally while talking to my teacher, I asked what if my article didn't have page numbers, so how can I reference the section fully? He suggested reading a Library guide: APA (7th Edition) Referencing Guide: What If...? (2019) so I did and I learned how to add them properly.

While I am doing my research I'm using various skills to improve and make my work flow more productive. When my informational source is a YouTube video or podcast I simply search for the transcript of the video or podcast. That way it takes less time to find the specific part I'm looking for, and I can also more confidently quote what my artist said because I see its written form so I don't have to stress whether I heard it right. With making the reference list I used My Bib Citation Generator.

I think that the limitation of this particular project is the fact that most of the stuff musical artists are not well known or not from English-speaking countries, and most of the information you are searching for in English will be quite concise in the sense that you can't find posts that clearly state where the information is from, as most of the articles and post are written by fans and not by actual journalists. This exact thing happened with Bang Chan, which is why I replaced him with Billie Eilish, who because she is so popular so many articles and interviews about who her musical influences are. So in a sense if your musical artist is popular that is a strength, as there will be many articles about them.

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## Project completion reflection:

I think overall my project was successful, I learned a lot about referencing and doing academic research and how it's different from just information retrieval. I also learned new things about the artists that I had chosen. It's interesting that I found out that the most effective way for me to find resources was fan fan-made Wikia page rather than an actual article. For example, I had trouble finding the original version of the interview where Billie Eilish mentioned Aurora being the one who influenced her to pursue music more than just a way to express her emotions to herself "*I remember just sitting there and the intro played and I was just like oh that's what I want to do*" (Q101, 2019, 2:54), but when I stumbled upon this following website: [https://aurora-aksnes.fandom.com/wiki/Billie\\_Eilish](https://aurora-aksnes.fandom.com/wiki/Billie_Eilish) I finally after an hour of searching for it I found the link to the original video. That moment gave me such a great understanding of what researchers have to go through, how the answers and the original sources are sometimes so hard to come by, but when you do find it, you feel this sense of relief and newfound motivation to continue your research.

I genuinely didn't expect that I would find the best links from fanmade Wikia pages because the problem I often ran into was the posts I found were written or posted by fans, and there were zero mentions as to where they got the information from, which was so frustrating, and sometimes it felt like the obstacle was as big as an iceberg. But after I just continued searching, by using different word combinations, adding dates, and using different platforms, such as Google, Google Scholar, TikTok, Instagram, Spotify, and Twitter I found my answers, which just taught me that in most cases the information is there if you just have the patience to do keep researching. Sometimes though there just simply isn't enough information, to give answers.

The way I'm going to improve my skills for future projects is that I think I'm going to choose one topic and do a small research on that on my own time. I think this would really improve my research skills, as well as writing reports using references, and learning how to appropriately write academic papers. In my next project, I'm not going to get stuck on one topic for too long, at some point I have to admit that there just simply aren't enough resources to get by, and I will move on the next time, without wasting 3h by reading the same articles over and over again, thinking maybe I missed them. What I will do the same way is continue to use tools that help me to be more effective and accurate in my work, like My Bib generator for making reference lists, Grammarly for making sure I don't have spelling mistakes, as well as searching transcripts in videos and using the search tool while reading articles and posts. I will also in the future continue discussing my projects with my peers and asking advice from my teachers in order to get more insight into my work and research methods as well as improve my own personal communication skills because if you think about it, writing search papers, you need communication skills in order to make your writing to be clear to the readers. I hope I accomplished it in this project.

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