Steps to complete your creative process:

Be organized and document EVERYTHING you do for the project.

Content

- 1. Read the project instruction carefully; make sure you understand the objective. You will design something that is relevant to the purpose, the objective and the subject matter.
- 2. Lay out all necessary content in a plain text format
- 3. Set up a structure for the content; priority the content; define semantic meanings to the content.
- 4. Group similar content together to streamline the information flow.
- 5. Revise your content wherever you see the need.
- 6. Content is prepared and ready for the next step!

Brainstorming

- 1. Come up with a visual theme (general design) for your well established content.
- 2. Read the project instruction carefully, make sure what you design will fulfill all project requirements.
- 3. Research
 - a. Find inspirations. For example, look up different websites (BUT don't plagiarize).
 Understand what and why certain treatments create an appealing design, and how can you learn from it.
 - b. Come up with different key words which associate with the objective or the subject.
 - c. Come up with a new idea by narrowing down or focusing on one of the few important aspects of the subject.

Design Development

- 1. Use the results of your research to develop the general theme
- 2. Gather your thoughts, pick a few promising ideas to start with.
- 3. Conceptualize the themes with those good ideas.
- 4. Consider how different image, color, typography treatments affect the theme.
- 5. Make MANY different sketches, try different things, and keep making changes.
- 6. Once you get some solid sketches, validate your own design(s) by asking yourself (Or your friends) the following questions:
 - a. Does the theme appropriately represent for the subject?
 - b. Can I apply such theme to the individual element s? And how so?
 - c. Is there any design characteristic I can push to further emphasize the objective/subject?

Page Layout

- 1. Consider both your content and theme equally for coming up with a logical page layout (And keep visual hierarchy and usability in mind).
- 2. Create layout sketches until you have the something solid for the next step.

Identifying Technical Challenges

- a. Figure out how you can turn that concept into the actual design.
- b. Identify the challenges you will face for that particular design. How do those problems stop you from achieving the design?
- c. Research and learn how to overcome those technical challenges.
- d. If the challenges cannot be resolved, you may have to revise to your design while minimizing the impacts to your original vision as a result of those issues.

Prepare your final design.

a. Digitize your final draft on Adobe Photoshop / Illustrator.

Web Development:

- 1. Copy and paste your content from your plain text document to your web page.
- 2. Format your text by using the HTML markups based on the initial semantic assignment for your content.
- 3. Break down your final sketch into individual elements and determine how to style the page and what you need in terms of graphics
- 4. Prepare your images and your graphics
 - a. (For example: Illustrations, background images, photos, icons, logos, etc.)
- 5. Style your html markups with CSS based on your final design.
- 6. Revise your HTML and CSS codes until your page properly.
- 7. Upload all the files to the remote servers.
- 8. Test your page on different browsers! Make changes until your page works properly.
- 9. Finalize your process notebook. Add description to describe about the development of your design.
- 10. Submit your work and take a deep breath ©