Menu Assignment

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Menu Assignment: Advanced Webpage

Before I begin creating my webpage, I have some decisions to make. I drew a rough sketch of the page in my notebook so that I would have something to work towards. Please see the attached PDF. I am writing my page about the French language and culture. I chose that topic because it is something that I know well and I have many photos related to it. Also, I am already aware of a variety of online materials related to the topic. That way, I can focus on the building of the website instead of spending all of my time researching a topic. I am planning on typing my page in HTML using TextEdit on a MacBook. I had hoped to create the webpage in iWeb, but I have found that it only includes simple templates, which will not be sufficient for the assignment.

I am reading about HTML codes in the HTML tutorial at w3school.com. This is the site that was recommended in the instructions for the Menu Assignment. My brother-in-law also recommended it. I typed headings on my page. I am not sure about the numbers in the heading tags though. The tutorial says that heading tags include the numbers 1 through 6. However, I am not sure if a heading tag can be used more than once or if the numbers have to go in order. Labeling text with a tag reminds me of middle school, when I used to type my papers using Bank Street Writer III. The other time I worked with tags was when I was an Administrative Assistant II. I had to remove all of the tags in an IBM Script document and change the formatting so that it would appear correctly in another program. So far the tags seem simple.

Since I want to put links in my website, I have decided to sign up for a site where it will be hosted now so that I do not have to retype the links later. I have signed up for Weebly. I found that by going into the "more" tab on their drop and drag menu I can select "Custom HTML." This lets me copy and past the HTML that I have written. I now see that the title tags h1-h6 tell the computer how big to make the header. 1 is the largest and 6 is the smallest. Now I can make the French and English titles the same size.

I set up links between the different pages of my website. This was a step that was necessary when I was using 5 Minute Web Page Maker. It did not let you connect pages within the program. I know now that this was an unnecessary step since Weebly automatically puts a menu at the top of the page linking all of the pages within the site. I like that Weebly automatically displays what the html will look like when read by a browser.

Using the style tag, I was able to add background colors. I chose not to add fonts since according to w3schools.com the font tag is not used in HTML 5. I hope to find a way to include fonts later on.

I have encountered my first real difficulties with this page. My first few attempts to insert a photo from another source failed. When I have made websites in the past, the photos were always uploaded to the site or stored in the same file as the website if the page was not live. When I tried entering the address to one of my photos at www.pbase.com/rkolettel it did not work. By following the directions at PBase I found that I needed to remove rkolettel and add a .jpg to the end of the address. The photo did not show when I tested it in Weebly, but I got an error message saying that the photo could not be displayed. After checking my account settings at PBase I found that sharing the photo to another site was disabled. When I clicked the box to

allow my photos to be shown on other sites and refreshed Weebly the picture appeared. I am using the photo-sizing feature from PBase instead of specifying the height and width in pixels. By adding small, medium, or large after the photo number PBase will display the photo with the correct proportions at that size.

After looking through the list of forms at w3schools.com, I decided to add a section where people could send me E-mail. The HTML code for the form seems strange to me though. The word "Name" for example does not have any tag in front of it. It displays correctly when I put it onto the Weebly page, but I worry that it will not come up correctly in all browsers. The example at w3schools did not have any tag in front of the word. Why is that?

The iframe sample looked interesting so I added an iframe to my site. It seems to be working correctly, but I was unable to get the url to display below the frame.

My website is now available online. It consists of a homepage and two other pages. I have inserted three blank pages into the site labeled "Under construction!" I did that because I would rather have the links on the other pages lead to blank pages than give an error message. Now that I am seeing the page displayed online and not just in the preview on Weebly I have noted some unexpected outcomes. A few of the headers that have anchors in front of them change font when the mouse rolls over them. This was unexpected, but it looks nice.

The site is now available at http://rkolettel.weebly.com/index.html . I will attach the HTML files that I wrote to create the site with the assignment. They are .rtf files.