I first used Prezi when my Business Law teacher at Highland made us. We had to make presentations about the different structures of businesses and we were required to make these presentations with Prezi. He supplied a link as well to a short tutorial explaining how to use the basic parts of Prezi. When he told us about this assignment, an older returning student who had taken a different class with the instructor said the website was easy to use. I knew that if a man my father’s age said it was easy to use, I shouldn’t have a problem. I was impressed with how simple it was to select a template and just input my information. When I needed to delve further into a subject, all I had to do was add more boxes that went with my theme and add them to the path. After finishing my Prezi, I then had to watch three of my classmates’ presentations. It was impressive to see the vast array of presentation styles when we had all used the same tool. That is the main difference in my mind between PowerPoint and Prezi. A Prezi can take a form that looks nothing like any other that has been made before. PowerPoints can be individualized, but not to the extent that an average person couldn’t recognize it as a PowerPoint.

 To do my Mindmapping I chose Mindomo. It seemed like one of the easier websites to use, but once I got going I didn’t enjoy it. I still prefer to write things down on paper to plan. I wanted to insert the pictures that I had created in Wordle and on Piktochart, but was not able to do so using the free version. I don’t think I took the mindmapping as far as I was supposed to because I just didn’t visualize it like that.

 I used audacity in my final presentation. I chose it only because I was running out of ideas of web 2.0 tools to incorporate into the final. I just made a short exert, but then had a hard time putting it exactly where I wanted in my presentation. Audacity was one of the projects I struggled with this year, but it was easier the third time around. I have put my knowledge of Audacity to use when we had to do our recording for Modern History.

 I used Piktochart to create an infographic for my final presentation. I liked doing that project from before, and really liked the website. It was easy to do and it is something unique in my opinion. The website still wouldn’t let me save an image. I had to take it to Mr. Haan and he had to save it on his computer for me.

 I used Worldle to make a collage for the background of my Prezi. This was one of the easiest projects and it gave me a cool background to use on my Prezi. It was simple to just think of words that described Prezi and then input them. I just changed the arrangement to one that I liked and was able to snip it and save it as an image.

 I used Symbaloo to organize all of my websites. I was able to organize all of the websites that I evaluated, along with the different sources. This was an easy way to keep everything together without much hassle at all. I then used Easybib to cite all of the sources I used. This made it easy to cite without having to search for all of the information.

 This project came down to the wire. It was hard to figure out the big picture and then break it into manageable pieces. I was confused by what we had to do at first, and then had to break it down. The rubric was a lifesaver as I was able to see exactly what I needed. This project was hard, but it was good practice for bringing everything together and actually applying web 2.0 tools to a major project. This project has helped me find tools that I can incorporate into projects in the future. These will benefit me next year in making presentations that go above and beyond what is expected simply by using free tools on the internet.