REFLECTION: CREATING A WEBSITE

This is my second foray into developing a website. This new website was developed using HTML, CSS and JavaScript for the site's interface design. I intend to use this website to display my creative writing. I also attached my CV to this website.

This artifact was chosen not because it is my best work, but to showcase my digital skills, especially my attempts to learn and develop a website using HTML, CSS and JavaScript.

Although I watched a lot of YouTube videos on Web design, for this project, I followed step by step instructions from a YouTube video titled "Free Course: Beginner Web Design using HTML5, CSS3 & Visual Studio Code" presented by New Zealand native and Ireland resident, Dan Scott. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C5QFHp1oAws&t=209s

I spent more than 10 hours watching this video without getting bored, and ended up making a website. I made a lot of mistakes while designing it using different html and CSS prompts. I frequently questioned my own choice of outline text, colour, layout and graphics. I deliberately went for a dark tone, to contrast the bright colourful tone of my blog, sagaeuropa.com. In HTML and CSS, I learnt the importance of being detail oriented, and most importantly, being calm and patient with oneself. The patience it takes to code has helped me become more thorough as a technical writer and instructional designer.

THINGS I LEARNED FROM DESIGNING THIS ARTIFACT
- How HTML and CSS work together to create content
- The functions of head vs body vs html tags
- What code editor to use for a project.
- How to use div tags
- What is a CSS Class
- How to use nested div tags.
- Colour coordination and contrast.
- Effective spacing on interface elements