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## Reflection

I choose to make a mini website on the endocrine system because I felt it would be the best learning tool to teach someone else. I was originally going to make a PowerPoint but decided that this would not be very interesting. I wanted to try something new that I hadn't done before. A website allowed me to easily include pictures and descriptions to go along with it. On each page of the website, I have included pictures and a brief but clear description of each part of the endocrine system. The parts that are I have discussed include the pineal gland own to the gonads. I have a picture on each page labeling where the organism is (outlined by an orange box) within the endocrine system. I used this component as a visual to guide visitors through the endocrine system and so they could see how the different organisms relate to each other. I have also discussed key diseases related to the endocrine system. These include: Hyperthyroidism, Hypothyroidism, Type 1 Diabetes, and Type 2 Diabetes.

Before I did this project, I knew very little about the endocrine system. I knew it had many organisms and parts but didn't know how they all were connected. I had little knowledge of what the parts were and what they did. My goal after this project was to have a full, clear understanding of the endocrine system. I also didn't know that different diseases could result from the endocrine system.

For further research, I might want to learn about the diseases and how they affect the body and if there are any cures for them. I would be curious to know if the diseases affect anything else other than the endocrine system.