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Sustained Investigation

What is the central idea of my sustained investigation?

My sustained investigation focuses on old technologies used to express art such as music or writing. Ever since I was a little girl, I have liked to use older objects such as typewriters, record players, and cassette tapes to experience art. These technologies have been replaced in the modern world, yet I can't help but feel a connection to them. Older tools have an aspect of physicality that new technologies simply lack. I love placing the delicate needle on a record, hearing the bell of a typewriter when I reach the end of a page, and watching the tape in a cassette spin when it plays. This hands-on experience feels more personal than using a cell phone or laptop. I almost feel as though I am taken back in time, completely immersed in the art.

How my images support my central idea

(refer to specific slides numbers as needed)

In my first three images, I explored the physicality of old technologies. I used black and white with color to reflect how the hands-on contact can immerse someone in the artform of each older object, almost bringing them back in time. In my fourth image, I examined the visual contact between people and old technologies, such as watching the tape of a record spin as it plays. In my fourth image, I created juxtaposition between paper from an old typewriter in contrast to a computer. This was to reflect how older forms of technology are being replaced in modern times. More than anything, I hope that images such as these would inspire my generation to appreciate and use older objects and tools, so that their art is not lost in the future.









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