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Sustained Investigation

What is the central idea of my sustained investigation?

Passion provides us with purpose, motivation, and drive in life. Discovering passion assists us in paving a path towards our dreams and goals. Acquiring a passion gives us the incentive to wake up every day and stay resilient through the roadblocks life poses. As our society has progressed through the global pandemic, COVID-19, passion has kept us on our feet, leading to our world coming together as one and pushing through all the adversities we have endured. Although we do not have the ability to be face to face, our world united to seek solutions during these unprecedented times. There are a variety of passions such athletics, arts, adventures and other hobbies. Athletics contains physical activity, competitiveness, teamwork, community, and individual passion. Although many sports require personal achievement, our individual goals ultimately come together as one to establish a team: "Individual commitment to a group effort- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work" (Vince Lombardi). For example, I have been a competitive gymnast for 9 years now and the consistent support, dedication, and individual desires has lead my team to a substantial amount of victories. In essence, when we are passionate about something, we become happier and more fulfilled with life. Obtaining a variety of passions allows our society to be authentic and unique, showcasing our abilities. This leads to immense dedication and selflessness towards a team: "One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team" (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar).

How my images support my central idea

(refer to specific slides numbers as needed)

Through my sustained investigation project I have illustrated individual passion for athletics, uniting to form a successful team. I chose to make the background black-and-white, and the subject in color. I chose this technique to convey the message that individual passion motivates us and leads to teamwork. For my images, I shot a variety of different sports to reveal multiple passions and diversity. The first photo, on slide 11, demonstrates how in baseball, the athlete goes up to bat seeking individual accomplishments. In the second photo, on slide 12, displays hard work and perseverance in football to gain yardage. For the third photo, on slide 13, I chose to make the subject as isolated as possible. I utilized this technique to explain how in the sport of gymnastics we compete every event by ourselves showcasing only our abilities, striving for a high score. With these 3 unique sports, every individual has drive to achieve a personal goal, but all of these positions help contribute to a team. The fourth photo, on slide 14, was taken at a high school football game with cheerleaders and football players. Each person present is devoted to their sport, but gather together before the game supporting each other and the high school. Finally, for my last image, I shot a picture of a team as a whole to portray the overall theme. All of these images epress that when we acquire passion and selflessness, we merge together simultaneously to obtain success as one.









