

## Process Paper

Last year I had done the rise of video games for my NHD project and as I came to this year I thought back on that and what I had done and then it hit me. Alongside the growing popularity of video game consoles was the idea that every house needed a home computer. I began to think about how both my parents and my life changed with the introduction of computers, then the idea of how everyone's life changed. New jobs would be formed and a whole new type of market was found along with massive amounts of information to discover. So I immediately saw that I had my topic for NHD this year.

As soon as I began my research one of the most plentiful sources I found was the computer manufacturers. Commodore themselves have a whole online museum with grand amounts of detailed information on their products. They even had a whole gallery of Computer pictures and advertisements. Commodore had tons of information about any of their products which excelled my research. Along with Commodore the museums like the American History Museum and the Computer History Museum had lots of great writing and timelines along with relevant images.

One of the main problems I faced though was that most advertisements or pictures I had found had to trace down to where they had originally come from. Even though a website would use a picture it did not mean it was from that website so for primary images tracing exactly where the image had come from was challenging. One of the main tools I used to help solve this problem was Google Lens. Google Lens rather than searching words searches using images and made it easy to find where the source of the images were. I also found it tough to find specific sales info on most of the computers mentioned. Other than a few images and articles saying total amount sold I could not find computer sales year by year.

Computers changed the way the world functioned. Now from your hand to your car computers are everywhere. Companies exposing the common person to computers changed the way businesses functioned, creating new jobs, more entertainment, and introducing a whole new level of science into the world. Commodore pioneered the idea of home computers and gave new education and lives to those who got to experience the dawn of computers. It was not so long ago that a widespread amount of common information about the world around us was not a thing. Computers were a turning point in careers, education, and entertainment. The mark deeply scratched into the world by computers will be felt forever and change the lives of many.