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Practice Makes Purpose: A Creative Warm-Up for People Who Make Stuff

What am I doing? Why isn't it fun? What's the point? Don't despair. Let's work on it together. Print a few copies of this worksheet and try completing one each week. This exercise is meant to get you thinking about what you make, what inspires you, and why it matters. Connecting your inspirations and passions with purpose is hard, but it gets easier with practice. As you iterate on your ideas each week, you'll hopefully learn about your own talents and understand how the world can benefit from them. Really? Really!

Fill in the blanks in the sentence below.

My name is _____, and I'm really into _____
and _____ right now.

Fill in the table below with five personal projects you're proud of. Don't leave any rows blank!

What	Why

Make notes about any recurring themes in the list above.

Fill in the table below with five makers who inspire you. Don't leave any rows blank!

Who	Why
Adam Trionfo	In-depth approach to game history
Janelle Monae	Futurist, utopian ideas expressed through art
Amy Wibowo	Blends cute aesthetics with tech & coding
Nathalie Lawhead	Fearlessly weird & funny games
Paolo Pedercini	Makes games that challenge the status quo

Make notes about any recurring themes in the list above.

- game dev
- art & critical theory

Reflect on your previous answers, then fill in the blanks in the sentence below.

I aim to create fun software & games that
draws on my passion for messing w/ history & nostalgia.
I hope that my work will inspire people to question the history & future of electronic technology.

Does any of your previous work achieve this goal? How might you achieve this goal with your future work? Make any notes you wish in the space below.

Oh, whoa actually ALL FIVE
projects do that
HMMM !