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Art X3D

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### Artist Statement

For my final project, I created a piece to illustrate what it meaning to be human. This is inspired by the Ghost in a Shell series and how people with cyberbrains and cybernetic enhancements may struggle with self identify, feeling more robotic than human and questioning their humanity, possibly leading one into a depressed state and even become suicidal. We as a society have dreamt about one day coexisting with technology, more so then we do now. At some point, we may start enhancing ourself with this technology and becoming transhuman, connecting us to one another, the digital world, and a network that connects all systems. At this point, some may view themselves as more technologically based than human and question whether they are just an A.I. made to think they are human rather than an enhances human. I want my piece to make the viewer think about what it means to be human to them. What qualities and trait make them human or others human?

To me, to be human you must show emotion, feel love, have memories of your life, and a balance of mind, body and spirit. On my piece I show these qualities with a collage of images on four spiraling sections with the viewer standing in the middle and being able to walk through using VR. Seeing these qualities I want people to think about what makes them human.



