Written statement

For my self-portrait, I portrayed my face with sun glasses on to add style and humor. I’ve put my face, and a seasonal image. I’ve put the two together because I’ve always been drawn to drawing faces and built a collection of portraits over the years. I’m artsy and enjoy seasonal extravaganzas and humor. And I believe that was reflected on the self-portrait.

On the usage of the internet, I typically do homework research, and use apps. Apps such as Spotify, Instagram, twitter, and snapchat. My social media usage is distracting time to time when I do school work. But I can switch it up by listening to music on Spotify to help me focus or listen to podcast on there if I’m not reading or writing. For example, I’m an industrial design student, so I create physical models of the designs I’ve made. So when I’m making prototypes, sewing, creating something, I tend to listen to podcast that tell funny or interesting stories or people just having conversation about random topics.

On other social medias like twitter, Instagram, and snapchat, I enjoy looking at memes. The pumpkin head I’ve put into my self-portrait is often seen in memes this Halloween season.

Coding this was a challenge, because I’ve never worked with a grid, or coded a picture before. I’ve learned it the hard way that if you’ve created a grid, and you’ve been working with a portrait for a while, you can’t change the grid or that there’s a limit to place things in the places you’d want to. This design had to be carefully constructed before I even started. So, time to time, my image would completely clutter, and I’ve thought about redoing it after hours of work. At the end, it was cluttered, and I realized that I should’ve put all the elements in the code first before adjusting measurements. It was a learning process, and at the end, it was worth it!

In the readings, I’ve learned a lot about how the technologies changed over the years to get where we are today. I’m particularly very appreciative for the hard work that Berners Lee done, because without him, we weren’t guaranteed about our freedom in using the web. Especially with his part of making the communications a lot easier and accessible was a good reminder that we are very fortunate to be able to communicate any time we want, and it’s made easy for us thanks for people like him. I never knew about the steps that he took to create an easy communication system. From Othernets to Fidonet’s bulleten board system to “echoes” and all. It’s inspiring that at some points his works like Enriquire was politely ignored by people, but he kept working hard to bring the experience we have today to come alive. His determination is an inspiration and as an industrial design student, I know that making steps to improve the previous product/ideas/designs are important. So, I hope to be diligent and reach my goals to create something remarkable like he did.