

## Artifact 2 — Travel Reflection Asher Kasper

My whole life I've had an obsession with travel. I've always wanted to be everywhere from the mountains to the sea. I don't know exactly when it started but I have a theory that it started when I was 6 and my family went on a 6-month vacation on a catamaran — more like a temporary living arrangement. I still had to do schoolwork, just with my mom as my teacher, which was much worse. We sailed all around the Virgin Islands, and every time we saw a new island I would beg them to stop and let me explore a new land. I felt like a conquistador or Indiana Jones mapping the world. This love of travel has given me a perspective on the world that feels unique.

My interest in travel over the last few years has shifted into a broad interest in global politics, affairs, and the state of the world. On one of my trips I visited Chile and got to witness their plebiscite process and talk to students and protesters throughout the capital. Hearing their perspectives on Chile's constitutional revisions made politics feel real in a different way. These experiences, especially in Chile, are what inspired me to pick my major and set a goal for myself to work in an embassy somewhere around the world in a new place.