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Self-Portrait Reflection

When thinking about this project, I evaluated what my favorite things in life are. I wanted to utilize as many of those aspects as possible. Despite my constant theme, I also thought a lot about the layout of the page I wanted to create. I knew that I wanted a navigation bar that could serve as a map for the website. I also knew that I wanted a slideshow of some kind, to show off some of my favorite things. The home page is simply a snapshot of my real life. The music page was fun for me, because I have vinyls of most of the album covers I included. It was neat to see the same art that hangs on my wall, on a webpage. It also gave me a chance to include links to all the artists Spotify accounts. The social media tab was less interesting because I just used the logos from the companies. However, I put links to all my social media pages to spice it up. The background image used across the site is a picture that I took while on a hike at Gothic Basin. I used a simple green G as the favicon. The icon included my last name's initial and my favorite color, which I found cool.

While the aesthetic is very similar across the different tabs, I liked the fact that I had freedom to pick things from my own universe, rather than being forced to make something strictly academic. I think that's the appeal of social media sites. On social media, each user can curate an environment that they like, by interacting with whoever or whatever they want. Whether anonymous or not, users have freedom to pick a setting that they feel comfortable in. Your "web" for lack of a better term, can spread to each facet you find intriguing. Since the internet is available in many places around the globe, there are so many different people you can meet that share the same interests. As a result of that, there are so many different individuals sharing knowledge on tons of topics. In a sense the internet is a kind of global brain. Or a "world brain" as H.G Wells puts it. Name any topic and there is a group dedicated to knowing everything there is to know about it. It's both amazing and frightening at the same time.

If I could go back and do anything different, I would have tried to use a different layout for each page. Rather than keeping it constant. This would make it more visually appealing to the viewer. Also, I would have included more than just the pictures. For the music page I should have included a track-list for each album. If I was better at the coding side of this project, I would have liked to make it a little crisper. To me it looks very basic and slightly messy. Maybe in my free time I will improve upon it.