

MART 120

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Homework 4 - Mentors, Play Lab, App Lab

People who have influenced me...

Where to even start? I've had a very unconventional childhood and life in my 20 years here. Grew up bouncing around all over the country, from Hawai'i to Maine, never going to the same school for more than a single year since 3rd grade. When you add up three elementary schools, two middle schools, three high schools, three colleges, and countless sports teams/clubs/random extracurricular activities, there's a lot of people who I consider as a mentor to me in some way or another. Many have been high school teachers or college professors or even bosses/managers at various jobs, but the most consistent mentors I've had throughout my life have been my parents. Growing up in many different places and unstable social circles has given me a special closeness in my relationship to my family, and particularly to my parents. I was homeschooled for about 5 years in elementary and middle school, and during those years I spent all day every day with my mother and my siblings, learning, growing, taking random trips to historic revolutionary landmarks in the northeast or submarine rides in the Pacific Ocean. I like to think that I try and emulate the best aspects of my parents. My mother has an insane amount of patience and passion (that's kind of required in order to homeschool 4 kids simultaneously for 5 years), and I do my best to try and apply that passion to the pursuit of my dreams and my dealings with others as I learn and grow. My father is a Mormon Chaplain in the

Navy Reserves and a sixth-grade teacher, and is the nicest person I have ever met. I have never once seen him purposely offend anyone or even get angry. He has a great ability to read people and empathize with their circumstances, and I've followed his example to try and eliminate all the unnecessary conflict in my life and be happy coexisting with others. While these examples may seem unrelated to the creative field I am pursuing, I think the influence of my parents' patience, passion, kindness, and empathy has helped me immensely in my interactions with others in my creative endeavours, especially in the extremely collaborative atmosphere of filmmaking that I am hoping to eventually find a place in.

#### Game

[https://studio.code.org/projects/playlab/zVDnZjjvndDpdDHbgcfox8dj7MhIySEieJEA5yBt8\\_c](https://studio.code.org/projects/playlab/zVDnZjjvndDpdDHbgcfox8dj7MhIySEieJEA5yBt8_c)

Feedback (from roommate): "Very fun little game that starts out hard but progressively gets easier as you get a feel for the control. It would be nice to have some end goal or levels as it does get a little repetitive."

#### App

<https://studio.code.org/projects/applab/U6Jh8bhws5pQsztcLsh-7CgIl21nUFMnzuuBw6rvD0o>

Feedback (from roommate): "Interesting premise with the blend of the Turing Test and a BuzzFeed type personality quiz. More questions or options might have been helpful."