

INTIMACY

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Zooming out on my influences.

My influences are Amanda Rach Lee, bullet journaling, board games, Just Dance, Glee, music, BTS, college, editing, and my trip to Australia.

Through Amanda, I was inspired and found a way to explore my individuality and better display my artistic side with bullet journaling.

My commitment to bullet journaling has become a staple in my life. Bullet journaling helps me stay organized and be on top of things. Moreover, the process of making bullet journal spreads is relaxing and I spend a lot of time on them. Through bullet journaling, I am able to embody my creativity and have fun.

As for board games, I have a lot of fun playing them with friends and family. I've made a lot of memories playing board games and they have become a defining part of my life.

Before board games, it was Just Dance on the Wii. I grew up playing it with my family and would discover a lot of new songs from it. Because of our competitive nature, it was always fun playing.

I also discovered a lot of songs through the show, Glee. When I was younger, I watched Glee and now have an attachment to it. Music is a big influence in my life. I listen to music every day and love discovering new music. Despite not knowing much about music on a technical level, I appreciate everything about music.

BTS is an artist that I have found to love and appreciate. Their music is relatable for me and has made me conscious about various things about myself.

Moving out and going to college had been exciting and a refreshing change of pace. I made new friends that I would like to say are long-term friends. I have also rekindled my passion for video editing during my time here in San Diego. Editing is challenging and can be rather frustrating, but I have a lot of fun figuring things out and the end result is rewarding.

My family trip to Australia is a specific memory I have from 2018. The trip was incredibly relaxing for me and a time in my life where I can wholeheartedly say I was completely stress free. It was a blissful trip with my family and has become a core memory.

Getting into the common themes between my influences, I have noticed the vague connections of music, art, and memories. When I zoom out further, my influences display intimacy. My influences seem like random objects, but when looking at the bigger picture of it all, they actually show very interpersonal and specific things about myself.

To spend a lot of time editing and bullet journaling develops an intimacy between myself and how I put myself out in the world through different mediums. I enjoy figuring my way around them. It is fulfilling for me and I guess that also shows my growing potential.

The close attachment that I have developed with my other influences, such as music and core memories made with my friends and family, also exhibit an intimate part of me.

Initially, I had only seen little or vague connections between my influences and didn't truly realize the significance of each item in my life. As I reflected, I've come to the epiphany that each of my influences interconnect to make me who I am. I hold these objects & processes close to me and my passion lies in them.