Explore Task
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Written Responses:

2a- Instagram uses the program Cassandra to store all of its data. This computing innovation is intended to be able to allow users to post as many pictures as they would like. It also allows for however many users there are. With this as many users are able to post a large amount of content, whether it be photos or video and won't feel they are being restricted. Cassandra is their way of just storing a huge amount of data and because it can hold so much data and store it users will and are more satisfied.

2b- In my computational artifact I used Google products only to produce the final product. I used Google to look up pictures to add into the artifact. I used Google Sheets to actually create the piece. And finally I used Google to look up information I could use as reasons and evidence. Google is a technological company that makes many different products, both digital and analogue. Google has a dominant search engine that allows any user to look up almost anything. They also have something called Gmail that allows people to have emails and have a "Drive." Google is what I used for my artifact.

2c- Insta's ability to allow people to post however much they want is good because it gives people a platform where they can be expressive and open and not have a limit as to how much or what they create. This promotes creativity, collaboration, and self expression. However what's harmful about this is that it doesn't put a filter on people or a limit to what people an create meaning photoshop and bigger issues arise. This has become an epidemic where more and more younger people and people in their teen are suffer from more depression, self harm, and suicide attempts and thoughts. There is a direct correlation to the new media introduced in the recent generation. Social media and things like Instagram that can create unrealistic stereotypes for people to try and live up to, opportunities for cyber bullying or anything that could be up can negatively affect all users. Society could be suffering and no one is doing all that much to help the situation. People have to recognize the benefits and harms of social media in order to

understand why it is doing what it is. We must all become educated so we can further assess the issue and come up with a plan to help bring any negativity following it to an end.

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