AP Drawing Portfolio
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Written Evidence

Sustained Investigation

Identify the inquiry that guided your sustained investigation.

Response:

How can exploring the experiences of teen girls through iconography from mythology and the occult connect our modern day experiences to those of the past? My sustained investigation attempts to explore women's complicated role in society that has recently widened while still being held back by old-fashioned modes of thinking. I nod to the historical women that have gained power they were traditionally prohibited from in the narrow roles allowed to them by spirituality in order to explore the modern day experiences of teen girls grappling with their place in society.

Describe ways your sustained investigation developed through practice, experimentation, and revision.

Response:

Within my sustained investigation I used the long tradition of tarot as a tool for divination and self reflection to enhance the symbolism of my portraits. For each piece, I found pictures of my friends or family members and used a mix of tarot cards and monster iconography to add meaning. I've focused on intensifying colors to invoke a sense of fantasy and heightened emotion as well as altering compositions to better emphasize my subjects.

Image 1

Sustained Investigation

Height: 12.5

Width: 8

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I used the lanterns from the tarot card
The Hermit to represent the subject's
inner self.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Image 2

Sustained Investigation

Height: 4.25

Width: 3.5

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I cropped the image to create a composition that emphasizes the subject better.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Citation(s):
Image of The Hermit card is from Wikipedia. Medusa art piece is from @BottlngSunshine on x.com.

Image 3

Sustained Investigation

Height: 11

Width: 8

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I framed my subject with high contrast objects to illustrate her feelings of fear and insecurity.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes
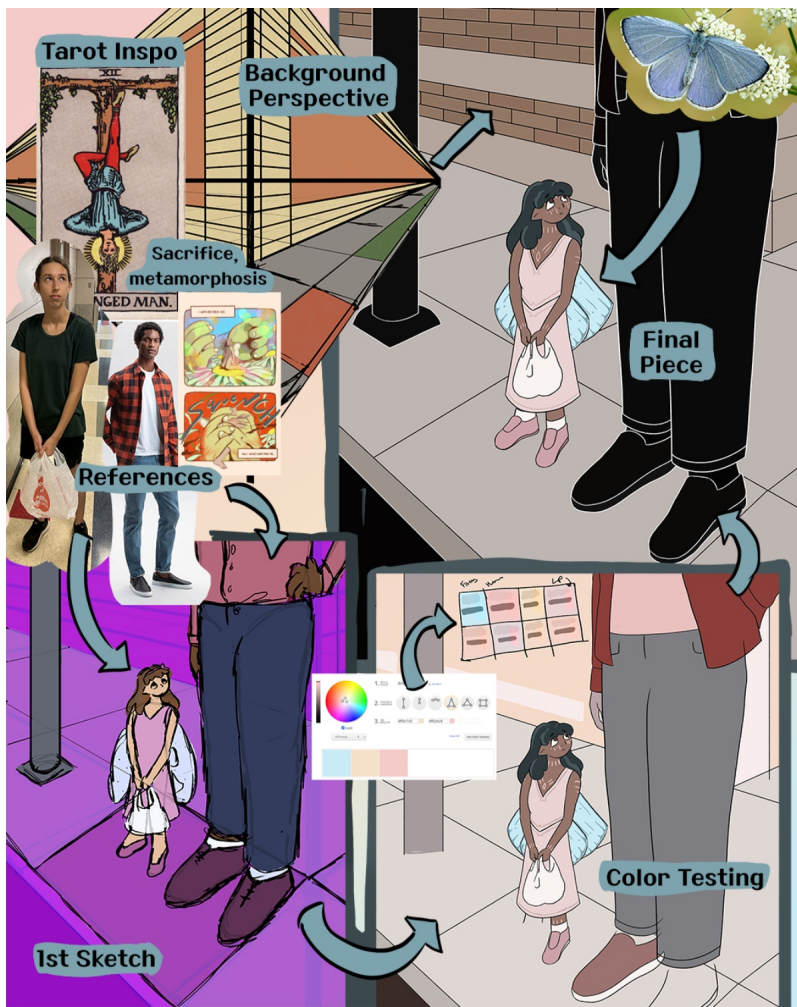
Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Image 4

Sustained Investigation

Height: 4.5

Width: 3.5

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I experimented with colors to better emphasize my subject's alienation from the adult world.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Citation(s):
Image of tarot card from Wikipedia.
Fairy comic from hakobore.tumblr.com.
Jeans picture from Google.

Image 5

Sustained Investigation

Height: 13.5

Width: 10

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I contrasted the sidewalk with the wilderness to represent the subjects' journey into adulthood.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Image 6

Sustained Investigation

Height: 4.5

Width: 3.5

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I used vampire and tarot card symbolism to convey the danger and promise of the subjects' futures.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Citation(s):
Image of The Hierophant card from the Rider-Waite tarot deck is from Wikipedia.

Image 7

Sustained Investigation

Height: 13.5

Width: 10

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I used a range of shades and colors to convey the array of possibilities in front of the subjects.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Image 8

Sustained Investigation

Height: 8

Width: 6

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I alluded to giants from mythology to represent the feeling of outgrowing your childhood home.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes
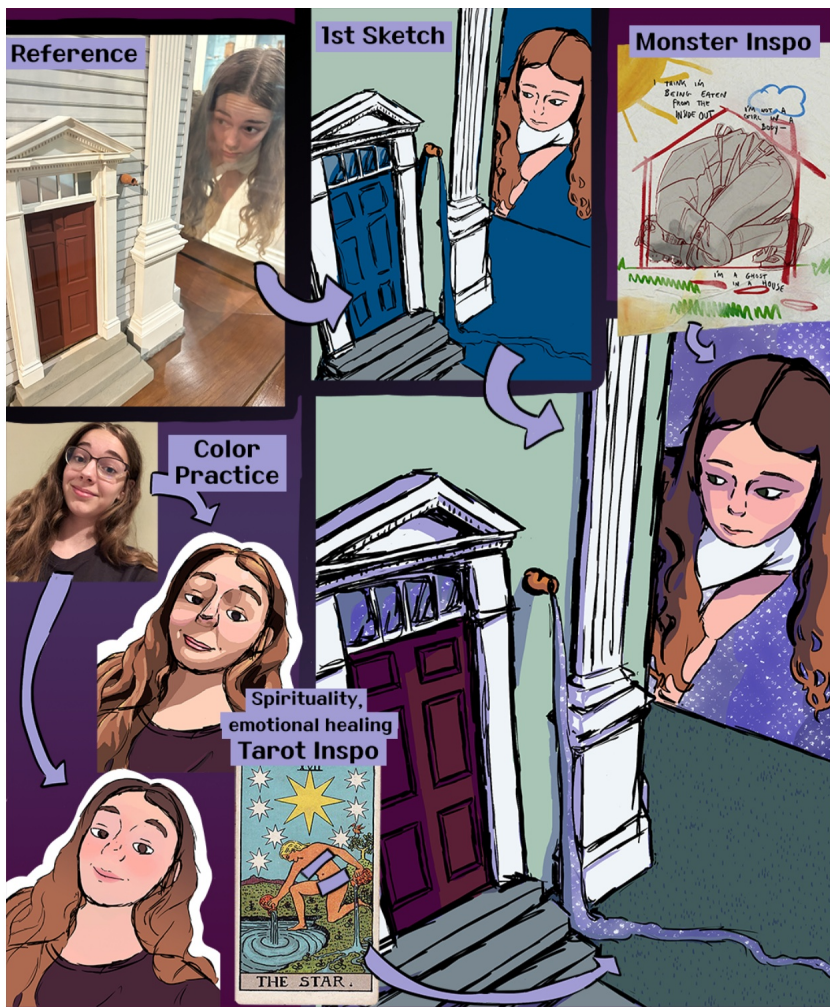
Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Image 9

Sustained Investigation

Height: 4.25

Width: 3.5

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I increased the contrast of my shadows to better convey feelings of loss.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Citation(s):
Image of The Star tarot card is from Wikipedia. The fairy comic is from grendel-menz.tumblr.com.

Image 10

Sustained Investigation

Height: 10

Width: 20

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I used a screen tone brush on photoshop to create unity with my other pieces that have screen tones.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Image 11

Sustained Investigation

Height: 4

Width: 4

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I made the image symmetrical to create balance and convey the subject's emotional stability.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Citation(s):
Image of The Sun card from Rider-Waite tarot deck is from Wikipedia.

Image 12

Sustained Investigation

Height: 11

Width: 8

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I used imagery of aliens to illustrate the departure of the subject from social norms.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

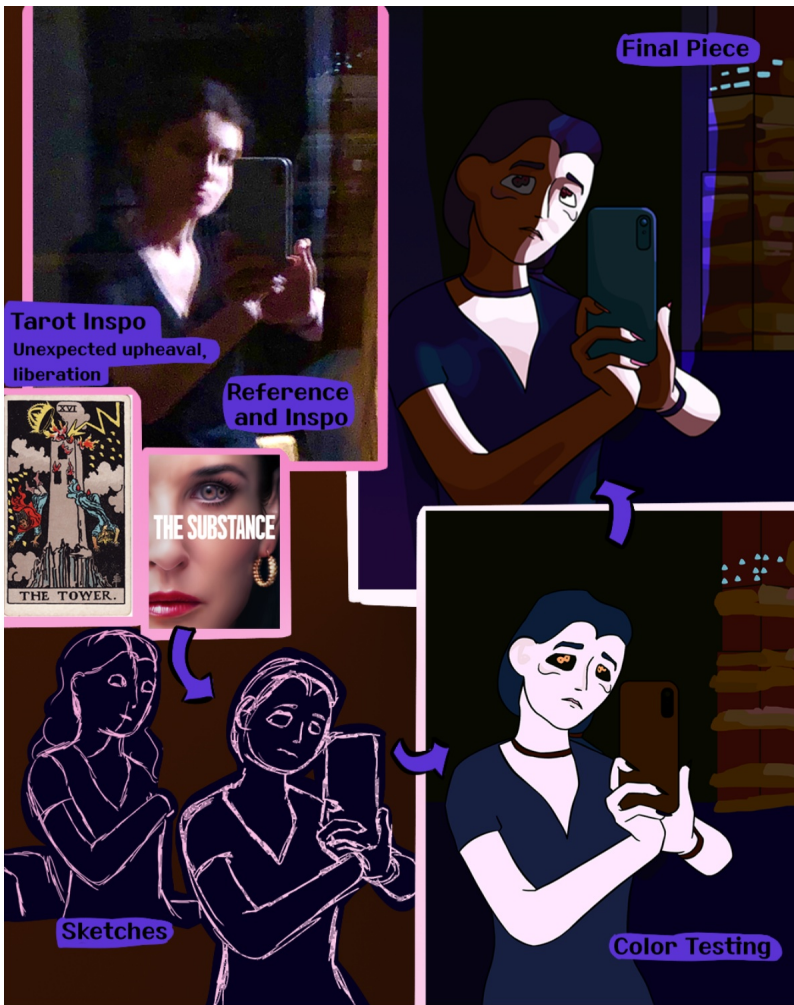Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Image 13

Sustained Investigation

Height: 4.5

Width: 3.5

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I increased the contrast between the dark and light to showcase my subject's inner conflict.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Citation(s):
Image of The Tower tarot card is from Wikipedia. The Substance poster is from mubi.com.

Image 14

Sustained Investigation

Height: 4.25

Width: 3.5

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I used an unusual perspective to emphasize the discordance my subject feels.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Citation(s):
Image of The Magician card from Rider-Waite tarot deck is from Wikipedia.

Image 15

Sustained Investigation

Height: 10.5

Width: 8

Depth: 0

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I used a traditionally feminine chore to highlight my subject's struggle with her role in society.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Work 1

Selected Works

Height: 12.5

Width: 8

Depth: 0

Idea(s):
I uses symbolism from the tarot card The Hermit to represent the subject's need for self reflection.

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I increased the vibrancy of my colors to represent my subject's overwhelming emotions.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Work 2

Selected Works

Height: 10.5

Width: 8

Depth: 0

Idea(s):
I used imagery of aliens to illustrate the departure the subject feels from social norms.

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I increased the contrast between the dark and light to showcase my subject's inner conflict.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Work 3

Selected Works

Height: 8

Width: 6

Depth: 0

Idea(s):
I allude to giants from mythology to represent the feeling of outgrowing your childhood home.

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I increased the contrast of my shadows to better convey feelings of loss.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Work 4

Selected Works

Height: 13.5

Width: 10

Depth: 0

Idea(s):
I contrast the sidewalk with the wilderness to represent the subjects' journey into adulthood.

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I use a range of shades and colors to convey the array of possibilities in front of the subjects.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop

Work 5

Selected Works

Height: 10.5

Width: 8

Depth: 0

Idea(s):
I use traditionally feminine chores to highlight my subject's struggle with her role in society.

Materials: Adobe Photoshop

Process(es):
I used an unusual perspective to emphasize the discordance my subject feels.

Use of Digital Tool(s): Yes

Digital Tool(s) used: Adobe Photoshop