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Who I Am In Society

As a student learning about fashion, I appreciate the intricate details and elements that go into designing clothes. Understanding different textiles and designs has helped me broaden my creative horizons and understand how to bring my ideas to life. Learning about fashion is not just about creating aesthetically pleasing clothing. Still, it is also about understanding the materials, and patterns that can be used to evoke emotions and convey messages.

The fabric on the t-shirt must be taken into consideration when designing a comfortable and visually appealing garment. The t-shirt I designed for this project was a regular *pre-shaped* white Levi cotton tee comprised of 75% cotton and 25% polyester. When designing a t-shirt, the softness of the fabric is also an important feature to consider. Another critical feature is the material and how it is able to receive and retain color. I used a Sharpie marker to design this entire t-shirt, the sharpie ink blended perfectly into the cotton tee and I was very satisfied that it did.

The design on the front of the t-shirt is not just a visual statement, but also a reflection of how I feel about myself in society. It represents a desire for solitude and the ability to detach myself from the world around me in order to enjoy life on my own terms. In the design, I put a figure in the middle being *wrapped* by society. The figure in the middle is represented by a *head*, and the *limbs* needed to define itself. On the back, I used a quote that I felt resonated with me.

"Being alone is not the same as being lonely. Solitude is a choice, and it is an essential ingredient in our lives. When we are alone, we have the opportunity to reflect, to think, and to recharge. It is a time to be creative, to read, to write, to learn something new, or to simply be still and listen to our own thoughts. Being alone can be peaceful."

This overall project made me emotional because I resonated with my own feelings about being alone and separated from society. Being alone isn't always about feeling lonely, when I'm alone it becomes a process of thoughts, freedom, and emotions. This t-shirt is how I see myself in society, being surrounded by people whereas I feel isolated in my own world. It serves as a visual representation of my innermost thoughts and the desire to carve out a space where I can exist authentically, away from the expectations and pressures of the outside world.

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