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### Vignette

"Christian, Isaac, and Hannah please come with me to room 106."

Little did I know that 106 was going to be one of the most helpful things in my life.

I was formerly living in Italy and had gone to kindergarten there. When I moved back to America, and went to first grade I had to get used to a different language again and learn more about how American children interacted with one another.

In my class in first grade, as any elementary school class would smell like, it was full with crayons and play-dough. It started off as this warm and stress free environment. The teachers were always full with smiles and the students full of laughter.

"Why are you so dumb?" said one of my classmates to Christian and I.

"We're not dumb, we're just in the special learning class." Christian snapped back. At the time I had no idea that the room I was being sent to was for kids who were a little behind. This moment I remember the most, but I was constantly made fun of for being not as smart as everyone else. I would always have to ask a table partner how to spell something, or ask what a word meant. Kids in my class would shame me and tend to not hang out with me. But as I kept trying, through first grade, through second, third, and all the rest of my years, now I'm finally in ninth, and I feel so accomplished. I can feel how much I've grown, I'm so proud of where I am now.

The feeling of being judged at such a young age really has affected me now in many negative ways, wanting to always please others, but part of me grew past that stage and became more mature and intelligent. Not only am I more intelligent, I am way more outgoing than I used to be. I am working on not being afraid to ask a question or participate in class.

#### My Piano and I

I got my first piano when I was 3 years old. It was a little twenty note keyboard from my dad, who also self-taught himself. I have loved making music and playing songs since then. When I was 8 years old, I got my first real piano. Yamaha P-45. I have had this piano now for almost half my life. It has been a meaningful part of my life. I have taken many piano lessons from many different teachers and now I have been playing piano for fun every other day. It helps me relax and unwind from a stressful day, and it is one of my prized possessions.

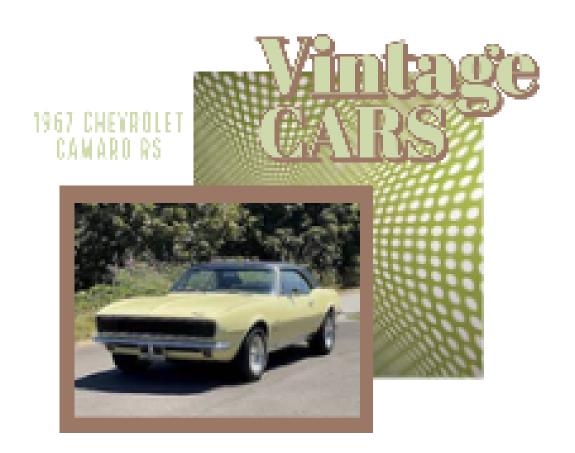
I was not forced into piano playing, like a lot of other kids are at a young age. I loved playing it without the weight of being perfect every time I played. I did have a couple recitals but those were not competitive. In middle school, I was a part of a rock band, which was a new music genre for me, but also opened my eyes to different types of music, and now I love rock. And that is what I love about creative music, it should not be a strive to be perfect, it should be a fun opportunity for children and adults to use these musical talents as their voices. It can be used to express your emotions or personality without even speaking.

When I play piano, I start with warm ups, such as scales and chords and experiment a lot with songs I know, and I even create new pieces. My favorite music genres to play on piano are (of course) classical, jazz, blues and baroque, but at times I love to learn newer, hip hop songs to play for friends and family.

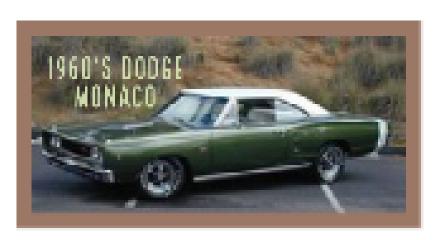
Music in my family is big. Most of my grandparents can play at least a couple instruments. My cousins and I, come together to play songs on holidays for the family, usually on Thanksgiving or Christmas. My mom and dad would claim they are outstanding singers but I would strongly disagree. Outside of my family, many of my friends also come together and play songs. We all share the same passion for music and understand each other on a much more deep level because of our connection with music.

As you can see, music makes me very happy. No matter what I might be doing, music cheers me up. I must have at least fifty playlists on Spotify and hundreds of piano sheet song books. I will listen to music while getting ready in the morning, walking to school, walking in the halls, volleyball practice, walking home, doing my homework, and going to sleep. It really is my best friend.

In conclusion, this is my favorite passion because it goes way deep into my early life and I hope to continue to play each day. It is a very big part of who I am. I hope that others try to play at least one musical instrument because it might just change their lives. Thank you for reading!







## FIT CHECKS

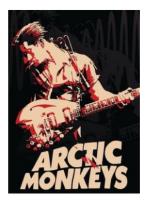




















#### Arctic Monkeys:

- 505

- Why'd You Only Call Me When You're High?

- I Wanna Be Yours

- Fluorescent Adolescent

- I Bet You Look Good On The Dancefloor

- Teddy Picker

- R U Mine?

- Do I Wanna Know?

- Brianstorm

- Snap Out Of It

- Arabella

- Black Treacle

Tame Impala:

- Eventually

- One More Hour

- The Less I Know The Better

- Borderline

- New Person, Same Old Mistakes

- Be Above It

- Let It Happen

The Neighborhood:

- Afraid (E)

- Sweater Weather

- Softcore

- Daddy Issues

- Stargazing

- You Get Me So High

- The Beach

- Wires

- Cry Baby

- Flawless (E)

- Baby Came Home

- A Little Death

Cage The Elephant:

- Whole Wide World

- Ain't No Rest for the Wicked

- Cigarette Daydreams

- Trouble

- Social Cues

- Come a Little CLoser

- Cold Cold Cold

- Black Madonna

- Telescope

- Ready To Let Go

- Spiderhead

- Mess Around

- Take It or Leave It

- Too Late To Say Goodbye

- Broken Boy

Lana Del Rey:

- Dealer (E)

- Art Deco

- Cherry (E)

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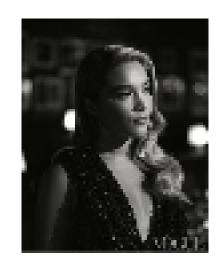
- If You Die Down With Me

### Favorite Celeberties













### Thank you for reading!

