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*Brief "Why History Matters to Me" Background/Summary*

When creating this project of "Why History Matters to Me", my initial thought was "*well what makes me, me?*" And immediately I said "*my passions!*" And my interest in certain topics which some people don't really go into. One of my many passions/interests happens to be chess, I got into it at a very young age, being 6 years old. The reason I got into it was mostly due to my family history it was the game of my father, my grandfather, and so on and so forth. And as a 6 year old I remember being fascinated by the game and how it worked, and this project really created this flashback for me and then I decided this was the perfect topic for this project, I wondered "*what would I do if this game wasn't invented?*" And I was really curious to learn about how this game came about and who on earth were those wonderful people who contributed to what I call now one of my biggest hobbies. My project mainly focuses on why history is important and what the history of chess was like as well as the present of chess and focusing on how it affects modern day enthusiasts such as myself in 2019. My project connects the past, present and intertwines it with the theme of "self" as well as "individuality" and what makes us who we are, and how the passions that we pursue affect us and what we learn from them as people. I personally learned a lot from chess. I learned that every decision we make has a consequence and every decision really matters. It has also taught me that you should never give up, because life is full of mistakes and twists and turns, and anything can change at any given moment so you should always stick to the end.