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Artist Statement- "The Search"

I've benefited from my classes a considerable amount. I found out what subject matter I like to make in my art and that's making realistic people, and Mrs. Shockey has been helping me build the skills I need to do that since I came to her in middle school. I have improved quite a bit in seeing and drawing proportions, going from practically stick figures to being able to make art that resembles the reference or inspiration, whether that be an actual person or what I would think up.

This gestural skeleton project from 2D Design class "The Search" is an idea inspired by thinking about my life, where I've been, and where I'm headed. At first, I thought of Auguste Rodin's "The Thinker" when I saw the reference pose for this. It reminded me of being calm and relaxed and how the hand is important in the thinking process; and how close it is to the face in the same way that some may rub their chin when they think. But just like this skeleton, I thought, and I thought about my own life and I wondered what I'd do in the future, then I thought of pirates. They are good at finding what they want so maybe if I think more like them, I'll be able to find what I want even if I don't know what that is yet.