Week 9-10: Self-Portraits Reflection Essay

This is my art project for Week 9-10: Self-Portraits. This was a very open assignment and we were told to graphically design an image or series of images that represent our personal identity. My picture is of the state of Ohio with several different images inside of the outline of Ohio. I used the magnetic crop tool for several different sections of this project along with several different layers. I also had to utilize the opacity tool in order for the images to look faded and to all complement each other.

Everything in this image encompasses my personal identity. For starters, the background image is of a sunrise right before the start of a duck hunt. I am an avid outdoors man and this time is some of the most peaceful I have ever experienced in my life. A lot of work goes into preparing for a hunt and while the sun is rising the work is already done and you are silently waiting and enjoying what nature has to offer. The three images at the top of Ohio are the three schools I have attended in my life. From left to right they are St. Columban, St. Xavier and The Ohio State University. Each of these schools hold a special place in my heart due to the many memories I have made there. Looking on the left side of the image are ducks flying and this again goes back to my love for the outdoors and my passion for hunting. Below, is the Atlanta Falcons logo and they are my favorite sports team. It was a rather hard Super bowl for me as you can imagine.

The bottom left image is a chemistry set and this is my academic identity. I am a Chemical Engineering student and this takes up the majority of my time. I am looking forward to a long and successful career in this field. Above are dumbbells and this is to show my athletic background along with the basketball, football and baseball to the right. During my whole life I was in sports and they all hold special memories for myself. Now in college I do not have much

time for sports, but I do make time to work out each and every day to fill that void. Lastly, in the upper right corner is my favorite movie, Remember the Titans. I will always remember watching this with my dad and over time realizing the deep and important messages that were brought forth in the film.