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What Drives Me

There are many different things that drive me. You may think one is playing video games. You may also think what drives me is wanting to be the smartest, but if you take a closer look, you will see that is not the truth. The main things that drive me in life are things that I enjoy creating which are music, Lego constructions, and other objects that I engineer.

I love creating music for a few reasons. My first reason is that I love listening to the beat and playing with it. I love being a percussionist in my school's band. My second reason is that I love playing my music for people so they can enjoy it, too. My final reason is that making music also helps me form bonds with other musicians, and that helps me with feeling the music even more.

Another thing that drives me is my love of creating objects with Lego. I love building vehicles with Lego, and I am able to modify them easily to add better wheels, another cannon or even expand the build as a whole. I can create my own adventures with these sets and vehicles. My final reason is that I love presenting them to other people like my parents to show them how

much work and thought I have put into it, and how much more cool they are now that I have modified them with my own touch.

The last thing I feel that drives me is a love to engineer objects for different purposes. The first reason I like doing it is because I want to create and engineer objects as a job in my adult life so when it is my turn behind the wheel, I want to construct buildings or bridges. My next reason is that when I engineer objects, it is enjoyable for me to see an idea go from my head to the final object. For example, in my Tulsa Tech Engineering class I have designed things through the software program called Inventor. Some of them we have built in real life. Some projects we designed in Inventor have been a miniature train and a small house. We are currently creating a castle that we have sketched out and are now creating it in that software. My last reason for loving to engineer objects is my love of the reverse engineering process. I think that it is so cool to take objects apart and scale them to resize them and make it bigger or to add them to something else.

Music, Legos, and engineering of objects are all methods of creating things, and creating things is what really drives me. I like to do what a lot of other teenagers do, but these are the things that I am always going back to do and work on no matter how old I am.