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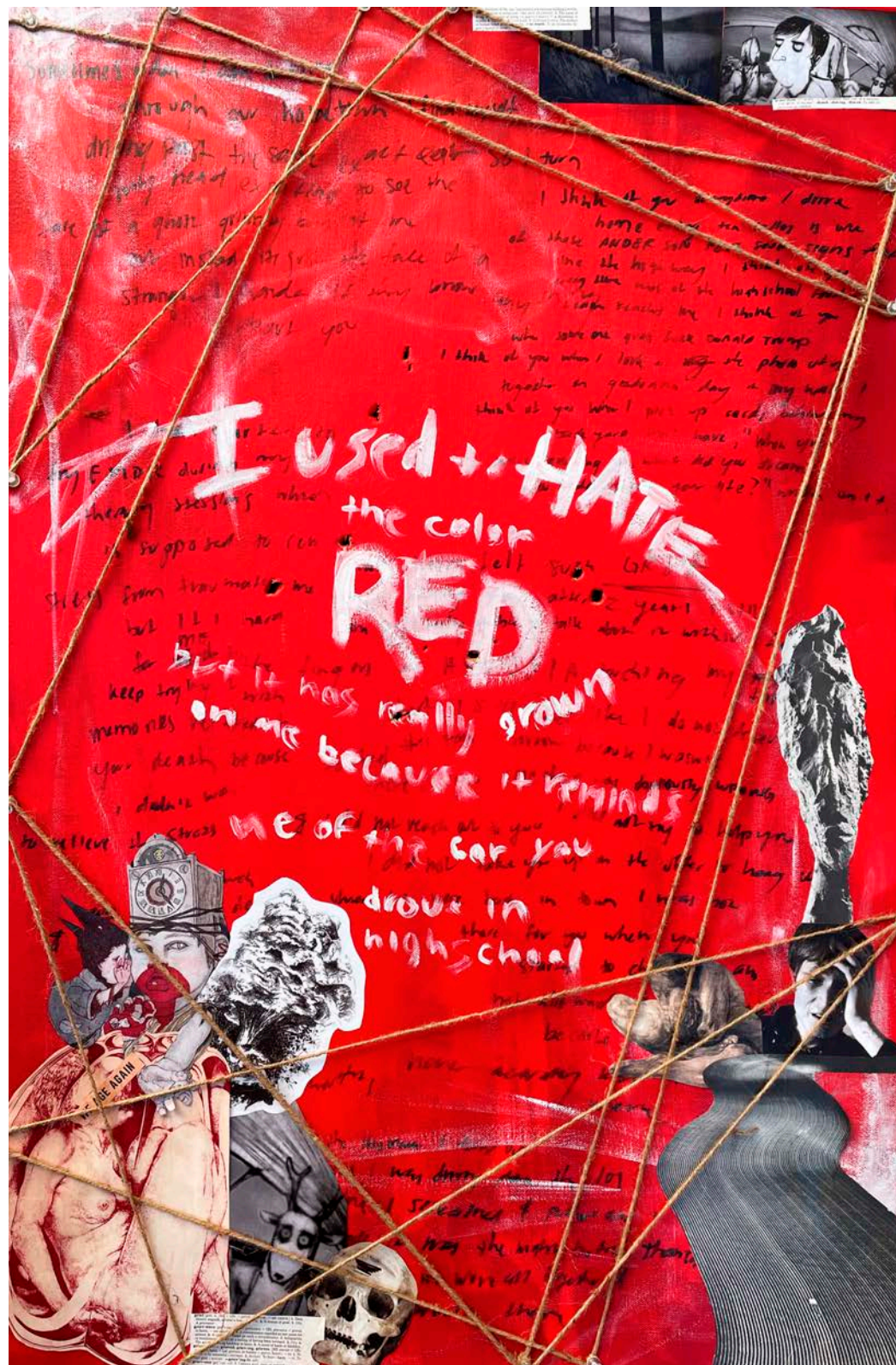
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I used to HATE the color RED

JENA NELSON | CLASS OF 2022

After coming to the realization that my strongest inspiration is my sudden intrusive thoughts, I started and finished this piece in 6 hours. This artwork is a reflection of the grief and anger I have experienced over the past two years after the death of a friend from high school.



MY CURLY HAIR, MY BROWN EYES

JESS HARDY | CLASS OF 2021

As an artist who is beginning my journey into portraiture, I was interested in exploring and capturing the beauty of textured hair and Black features, in general. This is a subject matter that is not as readily viewed or discussed within our department or within art, for that matter, and I wanted to give space to this conversation. This is an intimate view of my younger sister without makeup and without her hair being "done".