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Final Project Writeup

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I took all the pictures using a manual camera and black and white film. Then I developed the film and the pictures using the chemical darkroom. After the pictures were developed, I scanned them into the computer and worked with Photoshop to construct my final image. Using Photoshop, I first corrected some minor problems with contrast and blemishes on the pictures. Next starting with a white background, I resized the pictures and played around with the spacing that I wanted to end up with on the end result. I experimented with different size images, different croppings of the images, and different spacing of the images before I settled upon my final product.



(above: a picture of the top of a column that I incorporated into my final project.)