Meme Assignment

A bird wearing a hat and holding a pizza

Description automatically generated with low confidence

* This image is of a shark with a pizza box and the Meme says “Yeah, I’m into fitness. Fitness whole pizza in my mouth” The meme can be found in either a t-shirt or mug. The shirt is from California

The reason I chose this meme is because when I was growing up, my family would always go to South Carolina and we would go to the beach and eat at “The Giant Crab” which is a buffet restaurant with some good sea food. The last time I was there, I saw this shirt and the meme on it made me laugh and from then it was and still is my favorite shirt. We then took a trip to California and I saw the same shirt for a higher price so when I got back to south Carolina, I was able to get it there. I still have the shirt and wear it to this day and I still enjoy the shirt. The meme itself was pretty funny when I saw the one with the dog and the pizza, but I like the ocean and sea life so when I saw the shark I knew I needed it. The sentimental meaning of the shirt kind of reminds me of when I was younger and reminds me of simpler times. When wearing this shirt, it makes me happy and I know I can most likely get a laugh from others seeing my shirt. This shirt was one of the main shirts I wore throughout the pandemic and when people saw the shirt, it brought a smile to their face as well. Throughout the pandemic, while going to get my vaccine I wore the shirt and some of the workers and the person who gave me my vaccine laughed and complimented my shirt. Throughout the pandemic, I would try to find a mask with shark teeth on it in order to match the shirt since most stores required you to wear a mask. Since social distancing was advised and COVID percentage kept increasing, I decided to stay home and online shop for clothing. When I did my online shopping, I would look for shirts like these that had ocean type memes and found some more that I liked but none that resonated with me like this shirt. The pandemic was a very troubling time when it came to socializing since the rule was 6-feet apart, masks, and if someone was sick they had to stay home which made It even harder to socialize with. There were even restrictions on some stores or places to hang out, because they had limited capacity to how many people could be in the store at once. The pandemic was not that bad for me since I made sure to stay sanitized and was sure to be COVID safe, but once the Pandemic slowed down, I did test positive and was sick for a few days but I now have no related symptoms and or lasting symptoms from when I tested positive. My mental and emotional state during the pandemic fluctuated as the pandemic went on. When we first entered lockdown for the pandemic, I was pretty excited about missing classes for two weeks. Then as things progressed and cases started to rise we were out of classes longer, classes got moved online, pandemic safety became heightened, etc. When that happened, I was a little more concerned about my safety but also about how this would affect my learning since I am more of a interactive learner. After the first year, I got stressed about how long this pandemic was going to last. After 3 years later, we are still experiencing effects from COVID and are still having to social distance.