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Synthesizing

Directions: Complete the chart below to synthesize information from "Is It Time for Cursive to Die?" and "Why I Keep My Letters."

	Cursive and other handwriting	Letter writing
Why it's disappearing		
Reasons to preserve it		
Reasons not to preserve it		

Based on her essay, what would Nina Sankovitch likely say about whether handwriting is still important? Support your answer with text evidence. (Write your answer on the back or on a separate sheet of paper.)

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Close-Reading Questions

"Why I Keep My Letters"

1. The second paragraph begins with "But." What does this word tell you about the relationship between the information in the first and second paragraphs? (structure)
2. How can a letter represent "the substance" of a person? (inference)
3. The author writes that texts aren't enough to "salve" how much she misses her son. What does she mean? (inference)

