

Research Week:

Research is a big part of what can make an okay piece of art a good piece; It is the time and research that is given to a piece. The research that was put into this drawing helped shape the way that the drawing turned out. The piece of art that I created is a graphite drawing of a crab with a hot air balloon as its shell. In the balloon is a man looking at the sky around him as fish swim around. The goal of this project was to combine two different objects that were not normally seen together. It was a project for class and I really enjoyed doing the drawing. Anyone can combine two random images together to make something new, but I wanted to try to be a little different. I had to figure out what I wanted to depict and what I wanted my message to be. In the end I decided on Creative Freedom. Creative freedom with the skills and imagination that God had given to us. God is the first creator who made everything. God is a creative, imaginative God and I strive to make my artwork with the talents that he had given me.

It is important to communicate an idea in all your artwork or at least a story. The idea that I wanted to communicate through the artwork that I created is the idea of creative freedom. We all have the freedom to create and to do art skillfully and creatively. The problem is that we don't always choose to be creative or use the skills that we have to their full potential. The objective that I wanted to portray for this project was to spark creative imagination and to bring back to life the creative mind we had as children. Creativity is a wonderful talent that God has gifted us with. He has given everyone skills to glorify him in some way. Again, my goal for this work of art was to spark the creative mind and to remind people that anything is possible if you reach high enough and stretch your mind. I wanted people to look at my artwork and to imagine a story of their own. I wanted them to look at the drawing and imagine what might be happening in the image. Being able to create wonderful stories that I want to strive to help the world to be better at.

Most of the world is often visually minded. We like things to look nice or to look the way we expect something to look. Depicting a work of art that is pleasing to look at but at the same time not normally seen can often be a challenge. I solved this visual idea of creative freedom through depicting creativity through a combination of two images that are normally not seen together (a crab in a hot air balloon). This half of the image represents creativity; and the freedom of the vast skies. The figure that is standing in the balloon is looking at the world. The sky that the figure is depicted looking at is not a normal sky, but a sky with fish in it. The whole piece shows creativity and the freedom of flight. Free expression. There are many ways that creativity and the freedom to create could have been depicted but I wanted to create something that was not normally seen together and to open the mind to being creative and imaginative in everything that we see. The imagination can create many amazing things and stories if we just let our creativity run wild and free and it is by the gift of God that we have such talents.

There are many different ways that you can create a piece of art. Each medium that might be used can influence the way your artwork might look. The piece I am using for research week is a graphite drawing that is rendered in a realistic, and whimsical way. I first started the drawing looking at references and images of my topic. I had several different images in the beginning but in the end, I decided on the image of a crab combined with a hot air balloon. After I found the images and sources that I wanted to use I started doing sketches of the idea that I had and how I wanted to combine the two images together. It was a challenge but a great growing experience. Once the sketch I liked was finalized I drew the image onto tracing paper and then transferred the final drawing onto the paper that I wanted the final render to be on. After that I rendered the drawing as realistically as I could and added little details here and

there to add a whimsical, imitative feel to the whole drawing. The final piece ended up being a whimsical but still realistic drawing of a crab coming out of a air balloon and fish swimming in the sky. The whole image has a magical, creative quality to it that opens the mind to a creative story.