

“My painting shows the injustice within the world with a dove blooming out of the center of the earth. People are kind as long as we try to be. Sadly, people of color are generally oppressed which is why the arms supporting the earth are shown as a brown color. The shards of the earth is cracking and falling towards the ground as seen in the picture.”

Student Artist, grade 9  
Torrey Pines High School, San Diego County

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“In my artwork, I incorporated the world throughout the vision of a black cat. I wanted to demonstrate a moment that I have a lot of in my life where I just feel tired, or too stressed to focus on the small things of life. The black cat and the butterfly demonstrate the beauty of the small things in life, that sometimes can go unnoticed since we tend to stress ourselves by focusing only on the future and on what we need to work on. What makes me get through the rough and stressful times is simply do like the black cat, which is look at the small things that life provides us, and just for a minute stop to appreciate them. This is what gives me hope and the power to keep going.”

Student Artist, grade 12  
Torrey Pines High School, San Diego County

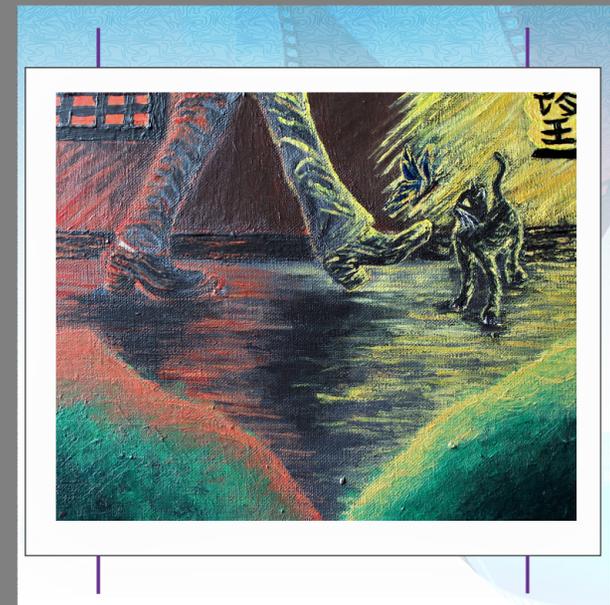
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“When you have kindness to share, share it. You don't know how big a difference it can make. Just a little bit of kindness goes a long way - it may provide hope to those who need it the most.”

I know that there are a lot of people in this world who don't have it easy. Whenever someone is unkind to one of those people, they could be adding onto all of the emotions they have bottled up. But when you're nice to someone, you could be making their life better. Even the smallest compliment could give a person hope that things are going to get better.”

Student Artist, grade 7  
Robert Frost Middle School, Los Angeles County

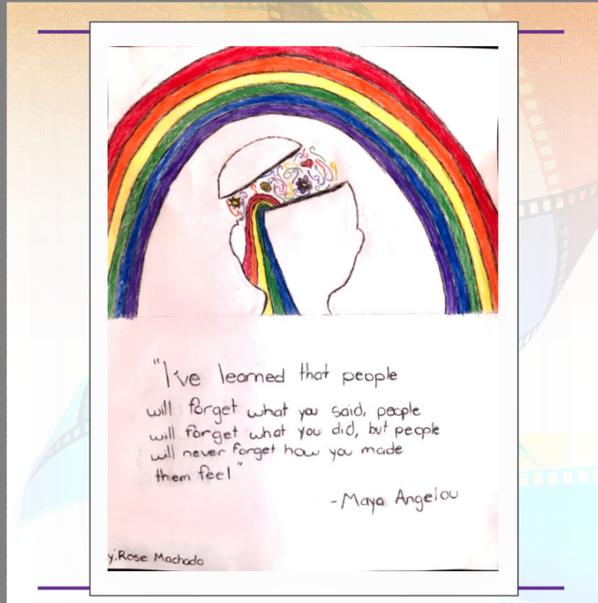
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“In my artwork the chains represent society holding us, as a group, back from reaching peace and equality (with race, sexuality, gender, etc.). The hands symbolize everyone fighting for it. The way they are almost touching is how we, as a society, are almost at that point but not quite there yet. I want my art to show that there are others who are willing to fight alongside with them. To show them that there is hope that we will one day get the justice that we all deserve. Being part of the LGBTQA+ community I know how scary it can be to be in this period of time.”

Student Artist, grade 10  
John C. Kimball High School, San Joaquin County

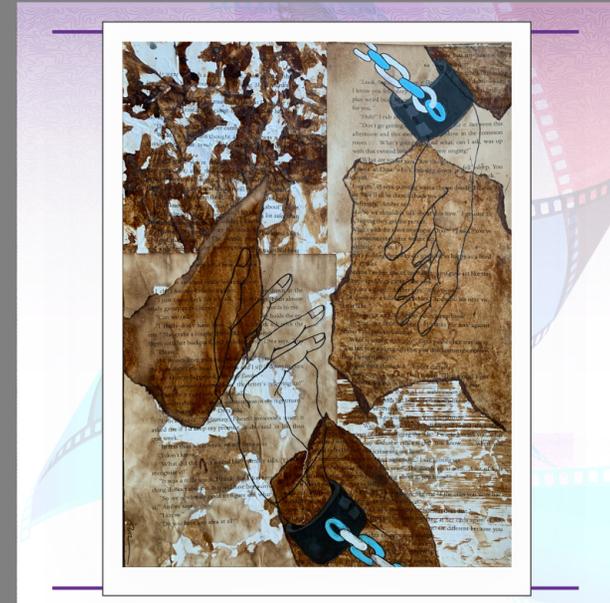
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