

How to write an artist statement

Your artist's statement should help viewers understand what you believe to be the most important aspects of your art, the techniques you use to make it, and what you have learned through the process of making the piece. The statement should summarize these things in as few words as possible, preferably short ones, and not be a lengthy dissertation on your place in the future history of art.

Do some brainstorming or journaling on these questions

- Why do you like to make art?
- What subjects do you prefer? Why?
- What processes and techniques do you use? Why?
- How is your work different from others?
- What do you see in your artwork?
- What do other people say they see?
- What are your goals and aspirations as an artist?
- Who or what inspires you?

Your statement should be short, clear, understandable, not over-stated, and not too mystical or spiritual. Everything in your statement should be relevant to your art.

Criteria

This is a 3 paragraph paper. Each paragraph should have 5-7 sentences. Statement must be typed 12 pt font (times roman, Calibri) and MUST be double spaced. Paragraphs need to be indented. TJHS English department grading scale will be enforced. *Revise and Edit before turning in.*

Paragraph 1- Why do you do the work you do? Support your statement telling the reader more about your goals and aspirations.

Paragraph 2- Tell the reader how you make decisions before, during, and after the artwork is created. How and why do you select materials, techniques and themes? Include the artists you researched, compare and contrast your artwork with the artwork of the artist(s) you researched. Keep it simple and BE SPECIFIC.

Paragraph 3- Tell the reader a little more about your current work. How did this work grow out of prior artwork, personal life experiences, cultural influences? What are you exploring, attempting or challenging by doing this work?