

A Readers' Gallery of Art

Your Mission

Select a literary text (poem, short story, or novel) that resonates with and inspires you to share your artistic interpretation of the text. You will create an amazing work of visual art to convey your interpretation of some aspect of the text. Begin by annotating the text, selecting a focusing lens, writing about your interpretation, and creating a sketch of the work of art you plan to create.

Audience

Final products will be displayed for students, teachers, parents, and administrators to admire. Additionally, each class will hold a silent auction of the art to raise money for a charity of its choosing.

Focusing Lens

- connection to your life
- connection to world (current events, history, science, etc.)
- characteristics of effective writing
- characterization
- theme
- mood
- tone
- symbolism



Artist's Statement

To enhance the viewer's experience of visual representations, write a brief statement explaining / defending / narrating / curating your interpretive and artistic choices. Use at least one well integrated quote from the text to support your interpretation.

Starting Points

- What most resonated with you about the text?
- What would you like to express to others about the text?
- What key point from the text would you like to call to other readers' attention?
- What did you learn from the text?
- What did you most admire about the text?
- What do you want to communicate to the viewer about your experience reading and analyzing the text?

Nitty Gritty Details

- sketch should be on unlined paper
- one polished, professional visual representation
- any artistic materials and tools, high and low tech, may be used

Key Advice for Success

Exercise your creative and analytical muscles. Remember to show evidence of a deep understanding of the poem. Make your representations unique, powerful, and memorable.