

Writing an artist statement

Talk about:

Why do you make your artwork?

- What inspires and motivates you?

How do you make your artwork?

- What tools, materials, and techniques did you use?

What does your art means to you?

- Use “I” statements. Connect the artwork to it’s meaning and your inspiration.

Example Artist Statements

ARTIST STATEMENT

I make art from unique vantage points. I like to look at the world from my own eyes and bring a new outlook to viewers.

I am mostly inspired by line, therefore graphite pencil and ball-point pen are my favorite art-making tools. I was inspired to do this piece after dropping a fork on the floor of our local café. I saw my sister from a whole new view. These everyday viewings are what create my art.



I call this art “Sun set on the Gulf.” After spending a family vacation in Mexico, I came home with many beautiful photos. I decided to turn one photo into a painting. I wanted to paint the glowing sun and silhouette palm trees I remember from the trip. I used acrylic paint on canvas to make this art. I am inspired to make art that hold strong memories.

Artist Statement Questions

These questions are a jumping off point. Answer as many questions as you would like. You may expand on questions.

- Describe your artwork in 3 sentences.
- What would you name this art and why?
- How did you create the art?
- What did you learn while creating the art?
- What were your feelings while creating the art?
- What inspired you to create this art?
- What is your favorite part?
- What surprised you while creating this art?

Statements must be totally grammar and error free!