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### Being an artist during this time period

Throughout history, there have been numerous individuals who have contributed to the betterment of society. Endless time and hard work have been used to accomplish goals for the world, such as improving technology and curing diseases. However as of recently, there seems to be a dramatic decrease in the need to follow dreams, or even help anyone when they really need it. In today's world, there are more people who would rather give up than fight for what they believe in. There is more selfish behavior displayed in people now and an unbelievable need for money, attention, and fame. Therefore I agree with Albert Camus's statement of the importance of being an artist and relating work to what we experience in our daily lives. I believe that being an artist in this time period is very important, as we are able to show relatable situations, inspire others, and make the world a better place.

One reason that I like being an artist is because I am able to express relatable situations that are constantly occurring each day. In the text, Camus states, "Every writer tries to give a form to the passions of his time. Yesterday it was love. Today the great passions of unity and liberty disrupt the world." (Camus, 1) With this being said, I think about the problems that people in our society are facing today, like crimes, mental problems, and racism. As an artist, I do feel affected, as I hear about these events every day on the news. I feel that it is important to address these issues in

any form of art, as there are a lot of people who feel uncomfortable talking about these kinds of situations or just like to avoid them. If more artists express their opinions about these problems, more people will open up and take them more seriously. It's essential to know that no matter where you go, you will always experience something different. It isn't right to judge people, as you never know what kind of situation they are going through in their lives. That's why I feel it's important for everyone, not just artists, to have a constant open mind wherever they go. Keep situations like war, government, and daily routines in mind, as understanding and relating them back to the people will only make you a better person.

When it comes to being an artist, my first intentions are to inspire or influence anyone who is interested in art. I always find it interesting when people take an interest in art, as I feel not that many people care about it as much, only the people who make it. With the amount of depression going on each day, it just amazes me to see someone react positively about something out of their usual comfort zone. With that being said I believe all artists should be role models, especially if they have fans. It's very important for me to give good advice and make sure to follow it, as I don't want anybody thinking I just say it and not show it. Unfortunately, a lot of famous celebrities tend to do this, which eventually causes a lot of controversy. Like the old saying goes, actions speak louder than words.

Finally, I enjoy myself being an artist, as I feel artists, can make the world a better place. In my perspective, artists are peacemakers and unique individuals. We like to show how we feel through art, and like to share it with others. With our world today rapidly falling to negative influences, like drugs, murder, and loss of faith. I feel like it's our job to show a more positive

outlook on life. We can show how diverse everything is now and how much things have changed now. For example, subjects such as interracial couples, gay marriage, and different cultural perspectives. With artists, no one will have to fear about discussing these topics. Hopefully people can learn to be more accepting of others and their different beliefs and values. With our art, we can lead our world into a more peaceful and understanding environment.

For me personally, I am proud to be an artist, as I feel I am one of a rare group of people, in today's world, who still have enough hope and courage to follow their dreams. I always try my best and put a lot of effort in whatever I do. Since my passion is cartoons, I do plan on going far in the animation business and hopefully becoming a successful animator. If anything ever happens where I am physically and mentally unable to accomplish this goal, I do have a backup plan. I would become an art or math teacher, as they are my favorite subjects and I do enjoy helping others when they need it. However, if I do this I will still paint and draw on the side, as I could never give up on all of the artistic knowledge and technique I have learned throughout my life. Whichever path I end up taking, I will remain happy and satisfied, as I will still be able to use and perform my artistic talent.