



Art

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We see art everywhere in New York City. Many people love to do art because of how creative and open to new ideas it is. With art you can be relaxed, have fun, and occasionally get messy. Even in my everyday life I do art all the time. This is why I decided to write about art, it's something you see and do every day and there are many things you can experience through it.



Little dancer of 14 years statue by Edgar Degas: Made out of different types of materials because the artist was creative.





Painting in museum

Art can really change your life in many ways and affect you. It's also the reason we have places all over the world like museums, art galleries, art shows, and so on. Art has also been through our generations and been around for many years.



Graffiti Art





Art is a way to express your thoughts and feelings without words. For example, in an interview with my sister Sabine, she says, “I am able to express myself through art, mostly drawing fashion because it gives me a chance to have fun and play around with colors on a dress or a piece of jewelry. I can be creative and express myself by showing what I like, what I’m passionate about, and patterns I can create. It’s like owning a clothes store but on a piece of paper.”

Another example is that www.artjunction.org states that people do art to express thoughts and feelings that they can’t express in any other way. This shows that through art you can express yourself through paintbrushes and colored pencils. My last example is that my sister, my babysitter, and I always do art after school when we are bored. It prevents us from being bored because doing art is fun and creative.





It was a sunny afternoon. We were drawing so many different things. My sister was drawing dresses and jewelry, my babysitter was drawing things from Harry Potter because she really likes the series. I was drawing animals because I really like animals and like to draw the different habitats they live in. We drew those things because we were expressing ourselves by drawing what we liked. So you can see how through art you can express your feelings and what you like in different ways.



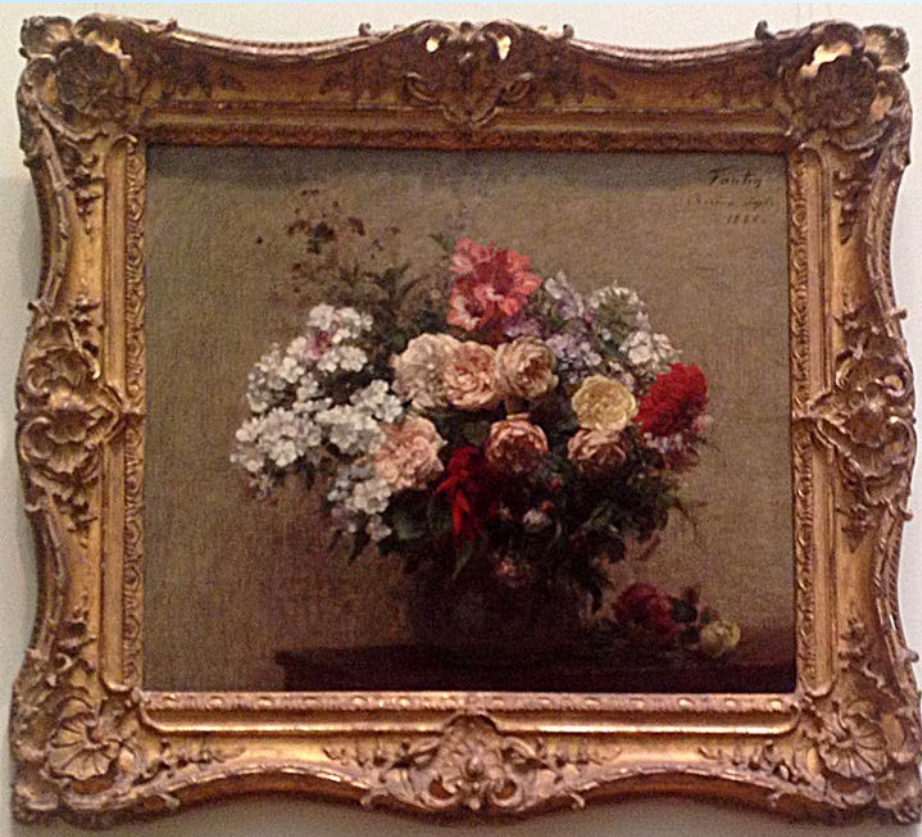
Paintings

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My second reason is that art around the city can shape and inspire people. One example that supports this is that Molly Prather from www.ehow.com states, “Art has an effect on people because it shapes and inspires them with museums, galleries, and theaters around the world. Art affects each person differently, it influences them to become artists and do art.” Another example is that in an interview with an art teacher at PS290 on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, Pam Saturday, says “I did not have art classes as a child so I wanted to share this love of art I have with children.” This shows that because of art it inspired her to become an art teacher and shaped her as a person.

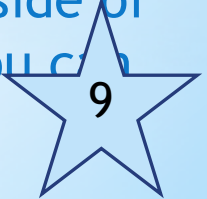


Small informational plaque on the wall to the right of the painting.



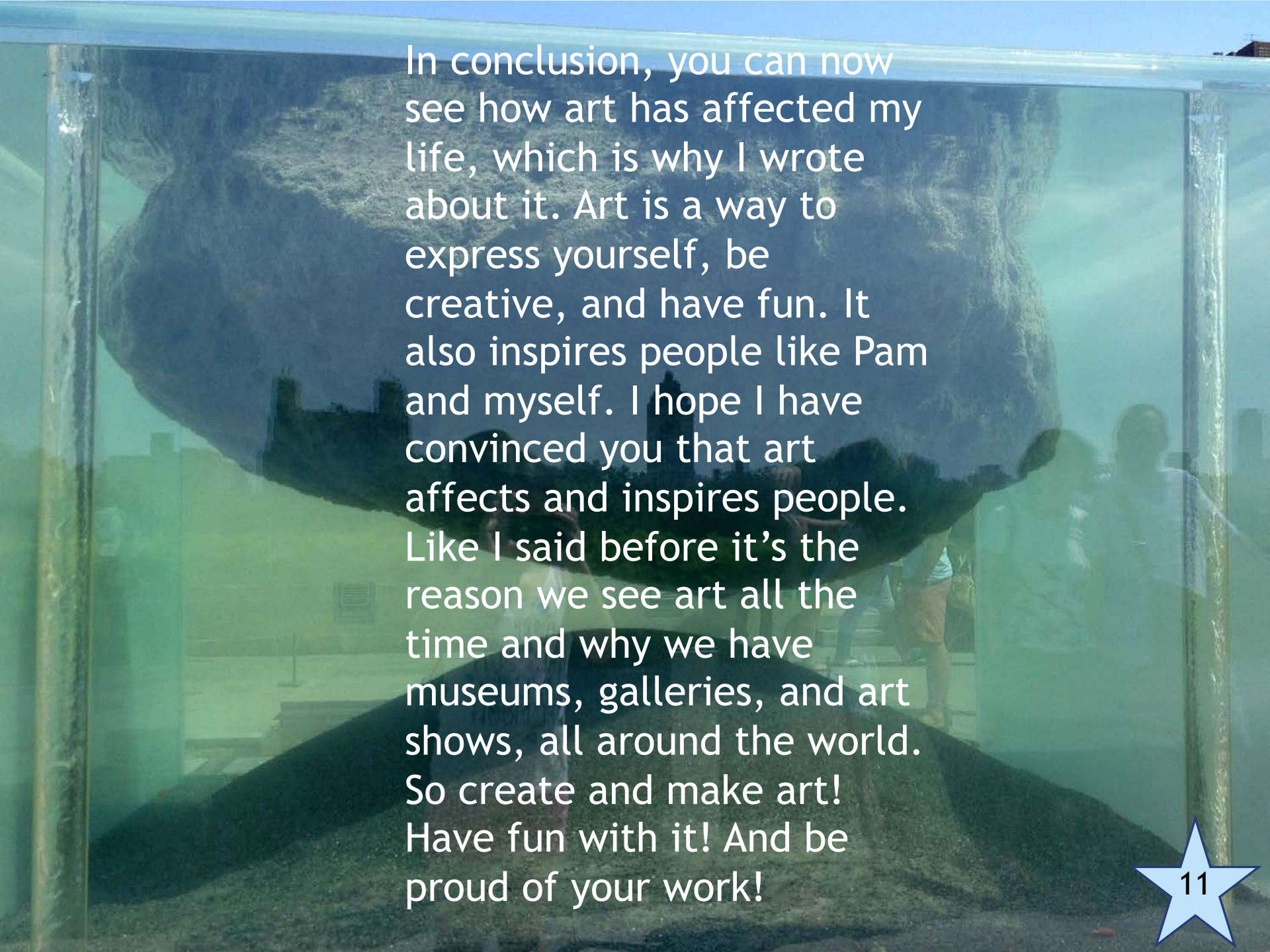
My last example is that one day when I went to a museum I saw a still life and it inspired me to do a still life painting. My father and I were in the peaceful and quiet museum, staring at painting to painting. But only one painting caught my attention. It was a still life of a flower in a vase. I really wanted to try a still life out on my own after seeing the painting. It inspired me to make one. “Dad can we go home now?” I asked so eager to get started. “Okay, but let me look at one more painting,” Dad replied. It was hard to contain my excitement, but when we got home I got straight to work. I took out my pencil and a piece of paper. Since I didn’t have any flowers I somehow managed to form some sort of still life with fruits and vegetables. I started to draw, it was my first time and I wasn’t good at it. You had to keep on looking at the food then back at your paper, over and over again. Although it was hard I did it until I was done because of how much I wanted to make a still life like the artist did. When about half an hour went by I finished. I was really glad I when to the museum because it had inspired me to make something I’ve never done before and try something new. As you can see art can shape and inspire people.

My last reason that supports my claim is that everyone does art. By doing art you can be creative and make something to be proud of. It can bring out artistic talent in someone too. For example, in the same interview with Sabine my sister, she says, “I am proud of most of my art work because I know how much time and effort I put into it. I can then look at the drawing and see what all the time and effort created” Another example is that Molly Prather from www.swc2.hccs.edu states, “with art you can make something pretty.” This shows that when you create art, you can make something you are very proud of, just like the time I made a collage in art class at school. It was another day in art class. The art teacher announced we were going to make collages. I remember having so much fun, but at the same time I got really messy. It was fun talking with my friends while making a piece of art. I would glue pink and blue construction paper on another piece of paper. I got really messy with the glue; it got all over my hands and arms. Although that happened, I still had fun and made a master piece I was really proud of. When the time was up I was disappointed because creating art was so fun! When I finished the collage it was actually pretty nice. Even my friends had said things like “that’s really good” or “nice job.” I knew the feeling inside of my self was pride. So after art class I realized when creating art you can make something you will be proud of.





Sculpture



In conclusion, you can now see how art has affected my life, which is why I wrote about it. Art is a way to express yourself, be creative, and have fun. It also inspires people like Pam and myself. I hope I have convinced you that art affects and inspires people. Like I said before it's the reason we see art all the time and why we have museums, galleries, and art shows, all around the world. So create and make art! Have fun with it! And be proud of your work!

