

MY DEFINITION OF ART

People still really debate what the real definition of art is. Us humans have our own beliefs when it comes to art. Some of it defines art as an art piece that's pleasing to the naked eye, and some of it has a deep hidden meaning using art to express it. All of us are entitled to our own opinion on how we define art. We judge, we give descriptions, we set our own standards for our everyday life. Thus, we choose something that has an impact on our emotions and feelings, and we find something that we can relate to in order to be satisfied. In our everyday life, we encounter art. For things that are difficult to understand, we demand meaning and simplified interpretations. We tend to ask questions. However, by asking questions, we build a much stronger connection and communication around the world based on what we see. Art has a lot of different meanings and uses. Art opens a lot in our body, the mind, the eye, the heart, etc. It is also considered as a tool, and it is a powerful one. Nonetheless, some of us think that art should be pleasing to the eye. Humans gave art the interpretation that it should be a competition to everybody's art piece, but in fact, it's not. Some of us give a reason why we create art. And some of us have difficulty finding a reason why we create one. We simply express and feel the flow of the creative process. We set a quality on brainstorming what the real definition of "beautiful" is. Is it when a lot of people compliment it? Or is it when it pleases everyone?

As a student, I was exposed to different forms of art. and also a competitive human being, I managed to excel in every part of it. However, in every part of it, I loved the process of making one so much that I forgot that I needed to excel in it. Honestly, I love receiving compliments, but what I do love more is when I show them the art piece that I made and they can't understand it. That is because I made something that doesn't really relate to them and doesn't really need to receive any form of critique. It's like an introverted art work that doesn't really need the attention of the world. Lately, I've had a hard time expressing how I feel and have isolated myself from my loved ones. I did everything in order to have my kind of energy when I was a kid. However, I enjoyed being alone. I was able to reflect and brainstorm a lot of ideas, words, and minds. I watched movies, read books, painted, listened to music, and a lot more. During my isolation, I realized that I don't really feel the need to explain myself. and that somehow my current feelings and emotions are related to my own definition of art. It doesn't need to be entirely pleasing to everyone just to get noticed by the world, because I did understand that art can somehow be a little messy, colourful, dark, unpleasing, painful, and rageful. It's the escape from the standards of us people to a colourful, perfect fantasy world. In my experience as a mediocre in everything,

following your heart is the best way to create art. It doesn't need to be stable and consistent. As long as you have put it to good use, it's fine. When there are activities that include art, I don't really feel the need to do it perfectly. Thus, I made it significant and memorable. Whenever I look at these pieces, it feels nostalgic. It made me think of the situation when I was in the process of making it and the definition of that artwork, and it made me realize a lot of things.

Observing everything around me is a hobby of mine. I love to observe people, nature, the flow of time, science, and many aspects of existence. I also made it a hobby of mine to listen when people talk. Therefore, when I heard them talk, I was able to empathize with what they felt. I also use their way of thinking to see the bigger picture. I really put a lot of time into getting to know every perspective, no matter how good or bad it is. Following that, I use this as a context whenever I want to create an outcome for my piece. I do consider the ideas of beauty, the sense of imagination, and the skills and levels of creativity. Whenever I am in the mood of sharing my piece of art, I show it to my loved ones, post it on my social media accounts, and receive a lot of compliments and critiques. I do consider these kinds of standards, but only when I want to show it off. The reason why I consider this is that, for many reasons, some people may consider it triggering, unpleasing, or even depressing. And I really take note of these things because I do believe that my art can be an eye opener to someone. I can touch a heart without even noticing it. I can somehow save someone just by executing a piece. Expressing has a big impact on me because I grew up knowing that I don't really know what's normal or not, so I had to teach and discipline myself growing up because I've seen things that shouldn't be done. Self-teaching has helped me a lot, especially in the way I look at art. Taking metaphors into reality has made it easier for me to understand the world today. Reading poems, essays, books, seeing paintings, and learning about history has had a huge impact on my way of thinking today. These artists changed my life, and I want to change someone else's life too. These are my main reasons for continuing to make art and grow with it.

My insight into why people create art is to be open to whatever life gives us. Being extremely great in this field is a privilege. Having the ability to express emotions in an artistic way gives people a will to live. However, we have different reasons why we make art. Some use it to influence, advocate, and also open the heart and mind. These artistic pieces will have a great impact in the future. We may not feel it as of now, but we never know what the future may hold.

To be specific, the famous novel by Jose P. Rizal. *El Filibusterismo* and *Noli Me Tangere*. These novels discussed the different diseases of society. In this way, we Filipinos interpreted it and gained a lot of insights about the novel. The novel's purpose is to educate the Filipinos, or the people, so we will not commit the same mistakes again. As a student who was able to study these two novels, they opened my eyes. It opened my heart to love my country more. It educated me and taught me what I truly deserve as a Filipino. We should never forget and we will never forget. Moving on, I also believe that the reason why we make art is to feel something. Specifically, listening to music. When the poem, the sound, and the rhythm are all good, it becomes the people's favorite. It has an impact that directs us to our hearts. When we feel like the world is against us, we listen to a song that can relate to what we are feeling. When we feel joyful, we listen to a song that can also brighten our mood. But that doesn't work well for everyone.

Being part of the youth comes with great responsibility. As a contributor in the field of art and also an advocate, I do believe that these pieces will help someone. I hope that these kinds of practices will still grow in the future. Admiring everybody's ability to create and not in a way of degrading it will help a lot of future artists in the future. Having the strength to make different forms of art and having the ability to express them makes a huge impact on this universe. This art connects us and makes us openly minded. Thus, these art pieces can make a great improvement in curing society's diseases. However, art reaches multiple sections of the human brain; it aids in human growth in terms of learning and understanding complex topics. It helps individuals solve problems and grasp more complicated topics by using a visual representation rather than just words or figures. Since art has the ability to express, this is also a great way to work with people who suffer. It is also a good way to practice how to maximize this art and use it to influence the youth to its full potential. Whatever our current situation is, I hope that this won't change how we approach art pieces. Instead, I hope that this grows and people will love and be passionate about their contribution to art. Using it in good use and good influence to educate society is a good practice.