

WRITING PIECE 1

The Painting That Came Alive

As I stepped inside the new museum, my eyes turned as big as a meteor. The fresh scent of pristine walls and tables filled the air. The moment I placed my foot inside, I knew today was going to be remembered as one of the most appreciative days of my life! It was so hard to contain my curiosity and excitement. First, we went to the dinosaur section, and my little sister, who was simply petrified of dinosaurs, kept clinging to my mother's arm and squeezed her eyes tight in fear. Despite how frightened my sister was, I was utterly amazed by the incredible skeleton of the T-Rex. I was so spell bounded that my mother had to call me about 55 times to go to the painting section.

The painting section was my favourite part of my day. There were the Mona Lisa, The Starry Night, the self portrait of Van Gogh and more. But I came across this old looking painting of a pirate ship. I crept up to it, and I saw a glint of shining light. Then I felt like something the picture slightly moved...but, it could not have been true, right? Nah! What am I, a kindergarten thinking that a painting is alive? I snorted. But I felt really inquisitive so, just to be sure I peered at it, very carefully...

Ah! I thought I saw the wave in the picture moving! The rough, large waves looked like it was going to sink the ship. There were pirates on the ship, many of them and they looked panic-struck. But one had a coal, black beard and he looked like the captain. "Rachael, RACHAEL! Hurry up! We are going to get lunch!" my sister, Audrey was running to me and before she held my hand and then run back to our mother, surprisingly the Captain with the insane beard winked at me and I winked at him back. I grinned until my face ached. "You've been staring at that ridiculous painting for ages! What are you-" I interrupted her before she could say anything. "IT'S NOT RIDICULOUS!" I shouted, "It's simply magical".

My sister was staring at me, wide-eyed and all I could say was, "You just don't get what I mean..." Audrey shook her head and said, "You should really believe in those people who say that you're so childish! And stop telling jokes that are obviously not true!" And as she walked away she muttered, "If the cap fits, wear it!" I watched her in a mix of astonishment and rage. But I swallowed back my fury even though the fire-like ball was banging against my ribs, as if it were in jail. I did my biggest eye roll and sighed heavily as I headed off, feeling completely irritated.

WRITING PIECE 2

Pirate Ship Painting

Alice stared at the marvelous painting hanging on the wall of the NSW Art Gallery during her Year 12 excursion trip. It was the pirate ship, with its terrifying appearance and darkened sails, travelling in the stormy sea. Alice pointed at the fluttering flag and said, "it looks like a soft and warm blanket." Jack replied, "it is a mysterious pirate flag." Suddenly, the magical force sucked Alice and her best friend Jack into the painting. Alice shouted, "help! help!" But no one heard her. She held Jack's hand tightly. After they opened their eyes, they were surprised to see the real enormous pirate ship right in front of them.

Alice crept to the side of the ship with Jack without anyone noticing them. The ship was rocking beneath their feet and it looked like a storm was about to come. Soon Jack heard some talking from the room above them. Jack whispered, "they are evil pirates." It scared Alice when she felt the rumble of the pirates walking upstairs. The thunder rumbled closer and closer and the lightning followed almost immediately. They could smell the ocean in the air, a mix of fresh sea breeze. Chilly winds whipped their faces, and big raindrops soaked their clothes.

The pirates rushed to their rooms as Alice and Jack approached the lifeboat station. Jack cautiously untied one of the lifeboats. They quickly jumped in and lowered the boat into the deep, dark sea. The pirates heard the sound, and discovered Alice and Jack. The pirates chased them. But Alice said "mysterious pirate flag," and Alice and Jack got sucked into the water.

A whirlwind of sensations enveloped Jack and Alice. When they opened their eyes again, they were safely back in the gallery