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AP Drawing

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When I received the recommendation letter to take AP Art during class one day last school year, I remember thinking, "I'm definitely going to fail." Advanced Art was the very first art class I had taken ever, for the most part, I was self-taught. Now, being self-taught isn't a bad thing, but I grew too comfortable with what I already knew. I didn't want to push past my limits, I wanted to stay comfortable. AP Art was the class that encouraged me to leave my comfort zone, and my growth as an artist wouldn't have been as impacting without the class.

Now, I had little to no knowledge of how AP Art was going to be; all I knew was that we had to submit some sort of art portfolio at the end of the school year. Obviously, there are certain things I wish I knew at the very beginning of this quarantined year that I learned over time. I'll be sharing these with future AP Art students, hoping that it helps. One, the workload; please consider the fact that this class will take up a lot of your time - art is very time consuming - having to do an art piece every two weeks should show that there is a good amount of your time that is going to be taken up. Time management is also an important aspect, it'll help you in the long run. Two, don't procrastinate; just like Ms. King says, if you procrastinate until the last minute to get your work done it will show on your art. Figure out a way to work on your piece everyday. Yes, there are only two things I wish I would've known, but I'd say that they're the most important parts of the class that most students tend to keep in mind throughout the year.

Tips I would share with incoming AP Art students, those that I wrote in the paragraph above could also be considered tips. Be ready to have critiques and suggestions to be made on your piece, although you should never take the comments personally. Don't feel like your art isn't enough just because you see that others may be more skilled than you, there's a reason Ms. King chose you to be in AP Art. Be prepared to try new art techniques and media, you will be trying new things in the class. Use what you learn from class into your work, the practice helps your skills grow. Try to make your inquiry question something you're really passionate about, once you start making pieces based on the question you can't go back. Make sure to form your own tips throughout the year, so maybe you could pass them down like how I'm currently doing right now. Lastly, always be proud of your work.