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Dear incoming Ap art students, Welcome to AP drawing, probably one of the best classes in Mt Eden High School where you can meet new people with the same passion for art who will be in the same classroom till the end of the school year as you can express yourself with your artwork. But it could also be scary taking an AP art class for the first time not knowing if you have the skills to take this class but don't be because, to be honest, I felt the same way when I got to see other students artwork because I thought that I did not have the art skills to be even taking this class as on the first day I was overthinking of messing up that I can't create an art piece that was something original that came from my ideas since I only drew from photos that were from Pinterest or feeling uncomfortable using new materials or new techniques that I never use. But here is some of my experience in AP drawing during my senior year which is you must have time management some of my tips are you plan out when you will start your art piece like what I first did is before is you must have your surface and know what materials you will use but before that, you plan your idea and process in your sketchbook but do around three thumbnail sketches based on your SI that will guide you throughout the year and only spend like six minutes on the thumbnails sketches and you also need a reference photo based on the thumbnail sketches that you chosen from and you can take or just use a Creative Commons license images like from a website as soon you're done you can begin to start with the sketch on the surface but after begin done with a sketch is you can do some practice using a material that you feel uncomfortable using like use it on your art sketchbook before ruined the surface as soon planned out adding colors/details onto the surface before the due day as you don't want to wait till last minute. Yet another tip is don't over work yourself as it can led you to be more exhausting both physically and emotionally which some few tips I learned is to of course have fun while doing your artwork while listening to music but don't stress out of making it perfect or feeling that it not good enough since it take time and practice in order to improve your art skills as most master artists start from the beginning where they put years and hours to learn how to draw as they also learn from their mistakes but however in ap drawing that is where you can enjoy making art pieces while also learning how use other materials that you feel uncomfortable with and can improve so much just from Ms King which by the way she is a amazing art teacher probably one the best in Mt Eden High school as someone who is a self taught artist myself I was so afraid of showing other people my art because I was insecure of my art that led me to trying to have perfect artwork as I think it is normal that every artist feel the same way when feeling insecure about their artwork.

Sincerely, Kimberly Vasquez