

## Artist Statement Examples (From High School Zine Project):

### Chloe

Think back for a moment, at who you were, to who you are, and who you might become. Every child loves the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" The real question should be who. Who do you want to be when you grow up, and why? What places, people and events made you who you are right now. In the anime Fairytail, many characters undergo strong negative events that destroy their pasts, but instead of giving in to the evil that struggled to take hold of them, they grew, and became strong bright people, with their own united purpose and bonds of friendship that will last to eternity. Seeing their strength inspired me to create this project the way it is. The strong message of Fairytail will always be a part of my heart. And all my art comes from my heart. From a technical stance, I wish the segments had been larger, because there were other more detailed images that I wanted to layer over the others to create a more detailed complicated approach. However, I am satisfied with the outcome this piece, and had a lot of fun creating it.

### Jillian

This project was definitely one of my favorite projects this year because I got to make it my own. I put a lot of thought and effort into the design of this project. The theme for my zine was mental disorders and on each of my "pages" I made a representation for each of the mental disorders that are most commonly known. I really like this about my project because I think it would be fun to guess which disorder was which if I had never seen the zine before. The only thing I would change about my project would be that when I folded it I would make it more clean cut and not have some of the sides sticking out. I also would've drawn the eating disorder page better by making it more obvious the girl in the picture looking at the mirror thought she was bigger than she actually was. Drawing is one of my favorite things to do, it relieves my stress, so this project made me realize next semester I want to take drawing instead of photography.

### Arya

The inspiration for my work was due to the fact that I got the opportunity to live outside my country and I got asked these bizarre questions from people who lived in the U.S which had completely obvious answers or were just like what everyone does. My piece was supposed to look like sections with a bunch of crazy questions with pictures for it. I changed my plans by actually typing the text instead of handwriting it. I think the pictures all link very well to the questions and the questions also display the message of "questions asked" very easily. My biggest challenge was trying to find a topic to do this project on, somehow I got asked a stupid question on that day and I had a "light bulb" moment so I decided this would be a relevant topic for me. I never knew that there was a kind of art called zine because I thought this fits more into the magazine, blog, etc kind of space. I learned how to express how you feel through an art piece in an indirect way.

### Garrett

I did this project because I like drawing and this project involved a bit of drawing. The inspiration for my zine was video games and this is obvious because it's titled messages in video games. Originally it was supposed to look like a bunch of characters from video games and the real life messages their games showed and in the end that's exactly what it looked like.

I think the images that I actually drew came out great because you can obviously tell who's who. Some challenges I encountered were the size of the text and pictures because it was hard to tell if they would fit or not sometimes. At one point I printed one of the pieces of text too big and I had to reprint it. I also had a hard time coming up with messages for video games near the beginning of the project but I was still able to come up with some good ideas. In the end though I learned it's ok if you're not the best artist all that matters is that you did the best you could and I did. So overall I think that this was a fun project worth doing again sometime.