**How to write an ARTIST STATEMENT**

***An artist statement is a short essay to describe your art. Type or nicely handwrite for display. NO spelling errors will be displayed, so please reread your work, or they will be handed back to you for editing.***

1. Write the correct **heading** on the upper right hand corner of your paper.

2. Give your artwork a **title** or name. For example, “The title of my artwork is “Happy.”

3. Describe the **steps** you took in creating this art piece, as if you were teaching someone else how to do it. You may want to discuss the **materials** and **technique**. Discuss at least one **elements and one principle of design**. For example, “First, I thought of the idea. Then, I sketched it on a piece of paper. I used my observation skills to recreate the *lines* and *shapes* I saw to create a *pattern*. Finally, I….”

4. Describe a **question, problem or decision** you faced in creating this art work and explain **how** you answered, addressed or decided it. For example, “One of the most difficult parts of this project was… The way I figured it out was by….”

5. Describe the **inspiration or idea** for your artwork.

6. Conclude by discussing **why you enjoyed or did not** enjoy this art project. For example, “I enjoyed making this ceramic bowl because I have never worked with clay before and I enjoy building something I will use in the future.”

The following is an **EXAMPLE** of how you can **START**-------------------------------------

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The title of my art piece is “Never Giving Up.” I named it this because I wanted to give up but I didn’t and now I am proud to have this artwork to share with my family. At first I wasn’t really sure what I was going to make. Then, I decided what to do by looking through some books and on the Internet. To get started, first I got all of…