



Lana Luther, Grasshopper

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Artist Statement- "X-Ray"

Mrs. Shockey is a fantastic art teacher who helped me grow as an artist in a span of a year. My use of complementary colors for this project stems from what I learned about colors in her 2D Design class, something that I never originally gave much thought. Despite spending a lot of time drawing my own cartoon characters, realistic proportions were something I struggled with often. However, Mrs. Shockey gave me tips for composition, gesture, and proportion and showed me how to explore portraits, figure drawing, and more. Whenever I felt lost or was in need of inspiration, she would always point me in the right direction for success, while giving me plenty of ideas and techniques to work with. Her specific compliments and critiques also make me want to strive to be better, especially when she points out areas I could improve in.

My initial inspiration for the gestural skeleton project comes from the fact that I like graphic and sensitive subject matters from different types of media like video games and TV shows. I thought it would be interesting to do a shattered skeleton, not only because I wanted to stand out, but because it was something I liked. My idea came from one of my favorite video games: Mortal Kombat. When it comes to art, I'm learning to embrace structure, techniques, and subject matter I'm not used to, but I'm most happy when drawing something that I am passionate about. This project is a perfect example of applying what I love into art assignments.