



# Lily Waltz, Grasshopper

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## **Commentary on Learning with Ms. Armstrong**

I believe that I have benefited from Ms. Armstrong's classes immensely. Her photography class has truly shown me so many techniques and different variations of photography, as well as many other things regarding digital media that have become helpful. The photography aspect of her class has made me come out of the comfort zone of my original ways of photographing as well as showing me different types of photography that have given me a broader knowledge of the subject at hand. It has especially shown me that not everything is perfect on the first, try and that you must keep doing it to succeed or get the result that you were looking for.

Another thing that I have benefited from is her small teachings about life. I truly enjoy how she can teach a class about photography and still manage to help us have a deeper meaning on things in life that can help us succeed through our high school experience. Many of these have already helped me see things through a different lens as well as helped me fix myself and personal problems that have arisen. Her teachings have truly influenced not only my ability to use photography and digital media but the ways that I have begun to piece my future self together. I took this class initially because of my liking for photography and being able to preserve the best and worst times in life, but now I feel I am taking this class to further express myself and the emotions I put behind everything I do. From small essays, photography assignments, and even my social life, I have been able to further express myself in not only my art but my life in general, and I will forever be grateful for the affect her teachings have had on me.

## **Artist Statement**

I normally get my inspiration for my work from my emotions, music, or something I see that sparks an idea. I use my art to express myself as well as sometimes portray a message depending on what I'm going for.