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Commentary on Learning with Mrs. Ellis

The end of this school year will bring four years of being in ceramic courses to a close and ending my time with the teacher I have become the closest to within this time. She has supported me and every other student in their work every moment she is available, going out of her way to ensure their projects are truly how they would like them to be, regardless of any problems they may face. Being in her class and club throughout my high school years has taught me so much, from the basics of pottery to learning how to overcome social anxiety. I admire her and her artwork tremendously, and she is honestly one of the biggest inspirations in my life, as she consistently supports me and my success. I cannot imagine a better person or artist for a school district to have, and it will be extremely difficult to part with her and her support when the time comes.

Artist Statement

This piece is the second teapot I have ever made in ceramics and is arguably one of my favorites that I have done so far. It is a piece of a portfolio based around older cultures and the “Olde Gods,” with this piece being dedicated to the Norse gods, specifically Odin. The pot was thrown on the wheel, with a pulled handle and thrown spout and lid. I adore older cultures across the world and have a goal of bringing their customs to life through my art, as with the runes carved into the rim and handle of this piece.