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Commentary on Learning with Mrs. Kies

Because of Mrs. Kies's teaching and personality, I have greatly benefited not only visibly in my art skills but in my morals and meanings behind each piece, I complete. While working on this piece, Mrs. Kies was supportive, and she was there to help me critique the little things that I could not see myself. She showed me that without shadowing and shading my painting was flat. She helped me pull apart the shapes in each hand so that I would be able to create a more realistic piece. Along with these throughout the process, she also helped me put meaning into my piece.

Artist Statement

This piece represents society's perception of non-hetero, interracial love and their need to pull them apart. These figures do not have gender, sex, or race, they are simply two human beings that love each other. Since this love is not deemed as society's norm, they are being ripped apart by the hands of the people.