



# Xandra Christley, Grasshopper

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## Artist Statement

I have always enjoyed creating art because it helps pass the time and is an enjoyable, productive activity. I enjoy working with charcoal and paint. I would say that my art style is quite dark and realistic. I want people to feel the emotion that comes from my art. I'm very into the Victorian Era, so I based "*Decay of Beauty*" on portraits of that time period. I found reference images by searching Victorian Post-Mortem photographs of women. I used charcoal for the most part, then chalk pastels for the background. I hope people enjoy the details I've put into this and hope to improve and pursue art as a career in the future.

## Teacher's Guidance

I've greatly benefited from my art classes with Mrs. Kies over the past few years of learning from her. Ranging from sculpture to painting, Mrs. Kies has opened my eyes to a whole world of art and creativity through different techniques and media. I've become very interested in creating portraits of people through realism. I am very grateful for having Mrs. Kies as my art teacher. She has taught me so much and helped me improve my abilities, and without her, I probably wouldn't have made it this far with my art.