



# Samantha Mack, Grasshopper

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## Commentary

In my advanced art class, I have benefited in many ways to develop my artistic abilities. I have learned how to develop an understanding of the value within the visual arts. In addition, I have been introduced to multiple new mediums. I have been shown various mediums of other cultures and different viewpoints and expressions from other artists. The art room allows me to have a deep focus on my work and gives me a place to relax and feel calm. I walk into the art room every day knowing that I will have the time to zero in on the art world and express myself through my artistic abilities. I love knowing I have full control over my art and what it represents, and how it will be viewed by others.

## Artist Statement

I wanted to make an art piece that gives the viewer a sense of calm. Art can shift a person's mood depending on their individual perspective. A beach is often a symbol of calm and happiness, so I thought it was important to make a colorful, calm haven of peace and serenity. I used water-based oil paints to create the waves of the ocean and the clouds of the sunset sky. The beach is my favorite place because I love the sounds of the waves and the beauty of the ocean itself. I want the viewer to see the beauty and feel a sense of calm when they see my art piece.