



Madelyn Jones, Grasshopper

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Commentary

Through the guidance of Mrs. Ellis, I have discovered that reaching out of my comfort zone can bring my art above and beyond what it was before. Mrs. Ellis introduced me to oil paint, which quickly became one of my favorite mediums. She taught me the value of underpaintings, and the soft flow that oil paint creates like no other medium. Whenever I am stuck on what an art piece is lacking, I can turn to her for constructive criticism that brings my artwork to a new level.

Artist Statement

The piece I am submitting is titled “The City That Never Sleeps” because I created it to show the bustling atmosphere of New York City at Christmas time. I made this painting as an inquiry project where I researched acrylic paint techniques and used them to create the artwork. I went for an impressionistic yet realistic style to show how quickly everything moves in the city. I love how this piece turned out because of how everything flows and the reflections I created in the water on the streets.