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## Artist Statement

Though this school year is the first I have had Mr. Jones as a teacher, for the past 3 years he has been there to consult about different art works and to suggest exercises or practices to develop my skills. One of his greatest attributes as a teacher is that he is never discouraging to his students and has a knack for communicating input and critiques for you to improve your work. It is obvious to his students that he is genuinely invested in them as artists and creative minds. Personally, I am most grateful to him for encouraging me to follow my own interests and to be free thinking as an artist. While I love art, I am equally invested in literature and I have Mr. Jones to thank for prompting me to combine these two interests. This acrylic painting, "the Modern Prometheus," inspired by Mary Shelly's novel Frankenstein, is part of a 15-piece series in which I am illustrating my favorite works of literature. Employing the universality of visual art, these paintings are my way of trying to keep the stories I love alive in a time when so many people no longer have the time or desire to read.