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Non-Fiction Writing



Netflix is Studying!

byline **Wang Meng Xuan** (8 Love)

Hey everyone! I'm here today to raise a life-changing proposition: watching Netflix should totally count as studying. Now, I know what you're all thinking, but, please, before you roll your eyes and tell me this is a stupid idea, I need you to hear me out. By the way, just to get this straight, I'm not suggesting that everybody quit school and put down their pens and paper just to watch television instead. All I want to get through to you is that watching certain shows on Netflix can be a great way to unwind after a long day at school while actually learning something useful.

First off, Netflix is basically a storytelling crash course. Forget those boring literature classes, forget "*A Midsummer Night's Dream*" – Netflix's *Stranger Things* has got you covered. This show teaches people all about plot twists, tension, and character development, which, in other words, is the perfect storyline for a fictional text or story you're going to write in school. Who needs Shakespeare's sonnets and unbearably old-fashioned poems when you've got Eleven and the gang keeping you at the edge of your seats?! What's more, I've got evidence to back this up: a research paper from the University of California dating back a few years ago shows that complex storylines play a huge role in the improvement of critical thinking skills. So, really, next time you're solving mysteries in the *Upside Down* with the Hawkins kids, you're just sharpening your brain for your next English test!

Next, Netflix is literally a cultural goldmine, providing you with TV shows in countless different languages from all over the world. Watching *Money Heist* in Spanish? Well, congratulations! You're basically learning another language simultaneously. According to the *Foreign Language Annals*, bilingual subtitles help you pick up a language much faster and in context. Guess that saved you from a Duolingo subscription, didn't it?

But wait, there's more. Ever heard of the show *The Queen's Gambit*? No? I guess that doesn't matter now because I'm going to spoil it for you anyway: It's literally just like taking a chess class. Though you won't be able to beat Magnus Carlsen yet, you're definitely learning to think several moves ahead. Even *Psychology Today* says that watching TV can reduce stress and improve your focus. So, after a few rounds of chess with Beth Harmon, your brain will be sharp and ready as ever.

And here's the kicker – watching Netflix actually reduces stress. *Psychology Today* also found out that watching TV lowers cortisol (stress) levels and helps you unwind. After a long study session (where most people will just procrastinate for half of the time), a *Wednesday* binge is like hitting the revive button on your brain!

So next time someone catches you binge-watching Netflix again, someone who is NOT your parent, just tell them: "Hey, I *am* studying. Storytelling, languages, chess skills, stress relief, basically an educational marathon!"

Destruction!

Story by [Kirthie Sakthivel](#) (9 Love)

Swiftly using my pen, I wrote down some notes in my Geography exercise book during class. I made a small mistake while writing, so I checked my pencil box to get my correction tape. I took it out and used it on my book.

Suddenly, my friend Suthan asked me if he could borrow my correction tape. I was hesitant at first as Suthan was a bit troublesome, but I eventually gave in and handed him my correction tape.

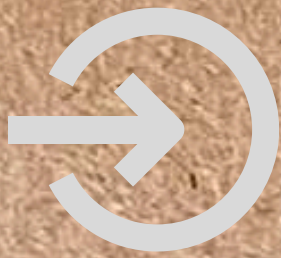
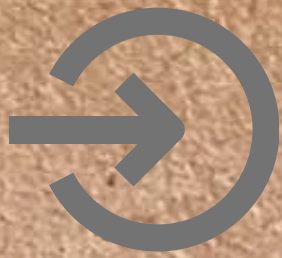
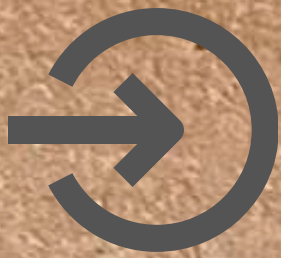
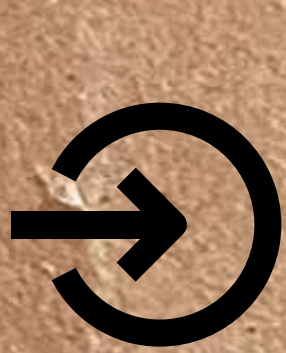
During lunch, I was doing the homework that I had forgotten to do yesterday. I was writing my essay when I made a mistake. I had to cross out the words and did this several times to the point that my essay looked really messy.

After lunch was English. I was late by a minute, apologized to the teacher and sat at my desk. Then, I remembered my correction tape. I went to Suthan's table, just to see him playing with the tape. He had dismantled it and taken the tape out of the covering and was fiddling around.

I immediately reported to my class teacher and got Suthan to buy a new one for me. I cannot believe he would do that to my correction tape intentionally.

*Fiction
Writing*





Fiction Writing

Portal into the unknown

Story by **Tan Beng Khian, Lucas** (9 Love)

The voice called out to Carlos 'come closer'. Carlos was scared stiff but his curiosity got the best of him and he went towards the voice. Suddenly, Carlos was quickly enveloped by shadows. He fainted.

Carlos woke up in a house he had not seen before. He stared outside the window to see that the houses nearby were not that modern. Then Carlos began to explore the room he was in.

A tall man walked in, and Carlos assumed that the man was a native to this place. The tall man was surprised to see that Carlos was awake. He told Carlos that his name was Subar, and said that Carlos was 'the chosen one'. In Subar's culture, the act of a person coming out of a random portal was considered a deed by God, thus the person being the chosen one.

When Carlos heard this, his head started to hurt with an intense headache. He closed his eyes and lost consciousness.



PROJECT

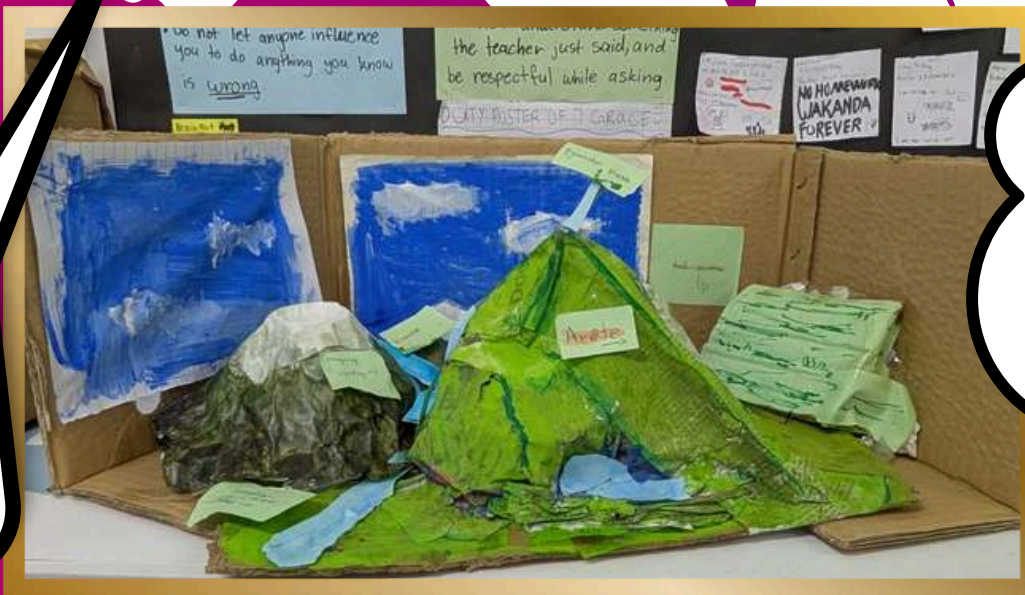
Geography

In Geography class this term, 7 Grace worked in small groups to create paper models of mountainous landscapes with features such as corries, arêtes and pyramidal peaks. Material used included recycled paper, cardboard boxes and tubes, tape and paint.



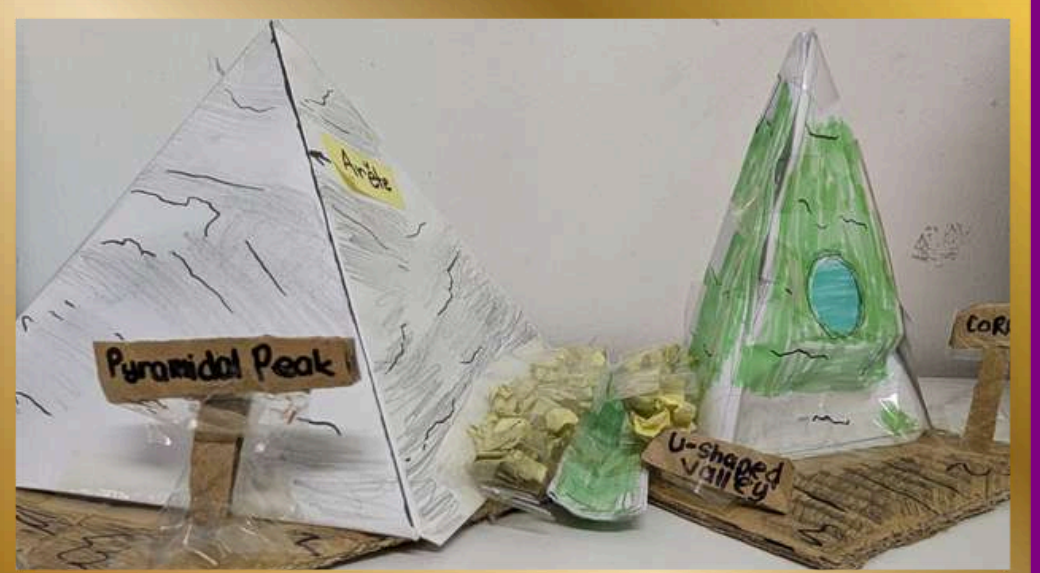
After the presentation, the information about mountains and corries was firmly embedded in my mind. This is actually an effective way of studying; we should do this more often.

~ Hew Charis



My favourite part of the project was presenting my teammates' model to the entire class, for I got a chance to practise my skills of presenting.

~ Cailynn Leong



Patriotism

Poems

Malaysia, Our Beautiful Country

Chinese Poet: **Wang Meng Xuan** (8 Love)

United by land, sea, blood and sky,
Brought forth a country of glorious light,
Undivided by either race or time,
With peace and harmony flying high.

A nation bonded by power,
Let the people of the land prosper,
Let the plants throughout the land flower,
Bringing forth a new generation that will never cower.

Newly born into a country of prosperity,
The blood in our veins flowing in harmony,
Here lies a land of diversity,
Malaysia, our beautiful country.

Land, Sea and Sky

Chinese Poet: **Xu Jinxuan, Lucy** (8 Love)

A union of life, land, sea, and sky,
Brought forth a land in glorious light.
Pride of the people who formed this country in time,
No darkness can cover burning flight.

A royal blood of raw power,
Fleshed out in the veins of all newly born.
A duty to carry with every generation who never cower,
The love for his country and his family like ever before.

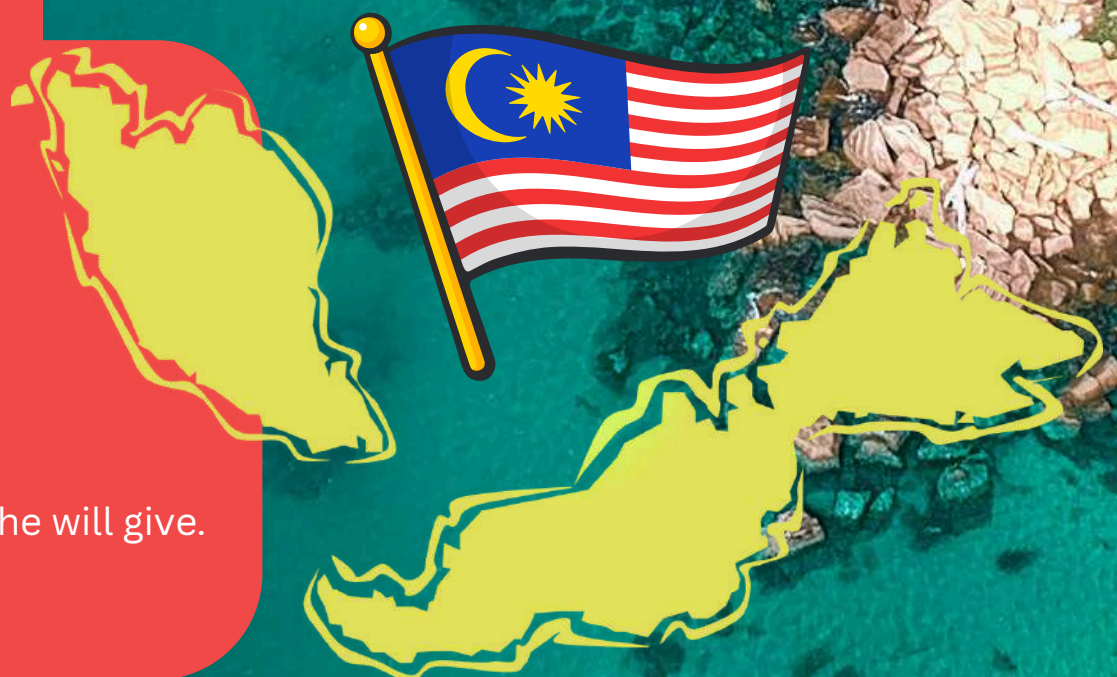
He loves the nature and the schemes of the ruling,
A fire that never burns out and a will that never dies.
He loves the dedication and spirit that is tolling,
There is no sadness in the crinkles of his eyes.

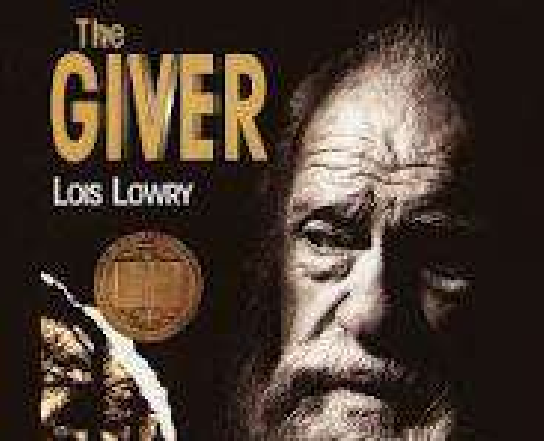
As he gazes down upon the land that birthed him,
His family, his friends, and the people he loved,
He realizes how lucky and loved he was and how much he will give.
And that love will flow on forever more.

Love of Malaysia

Filipino Poet: **Anatha Reign Limcangco Cabana**
(10 Grace)

In the heart of Malaysia;
where Malaysians proudly stand
as the flag extends.
Everyone is one and united;
helping one another when needed.
Malaysia, Malaysia
Here I stand,
Before my country with firmness in my stance.
With variations of race,
each and every has its special traits.
The tiger roars;
declaring that Malaysia soars.
Malaysia, Malaysia
Here I shall stay,
proudly walking around in my state.
As the national anthem plays;
I stand with my people and sing at a pace.
Together we stand in pride,
under one country, under one nationality.





English Literature

Having read the novel 'The Giver' in English Literature where the protagonist was able to *See Beyond* where others in his community could not, the Year 9 students considered a special power that they themselves would like to have.

Choong Jun E (9 Grace)

If I had one power, it would be **Thinking Beyond**. The reason is because I would know more about the world and the reasons for events that others cannot understand. With the knowledge that I possess, I can share this with others who also seek knowledge.

Lim En (9 Love)

I would like to be able to **Sense Beyond**, so that I know what will happen. Being able to sense the future is an amazing ability to have because you will be able to predict things such as someone's intention. With this power, you will be cautious and won't end up in danger most of the time. What's more is that instead of worrying about any outcomes, you can simply sense them immediately.

Ashritha Vaishali Dev Raj (9 Love)

If I had one power, it would be to **Feel Beyond**. It would be amazing to experience more deeply feelings and emotions like pain, happiness, sadness and anger. But why feel beyond? In my opinion, feeling beyond would allow me to see different versions of myself. Another reason I would want this power is because it will show me what I am passionate about or perhaps what I despise most. Earlier on, when I mentioned being able to see different versions of myself, it meant that I would be able to see how I would react to something or someone. For instance, when I feel upset about getting a bad grade, it would show how important grades are to me. In conclusion, feeling beyond is very important and it is the power I want.

Shamallan Isaiah Menon (9 Grace)

I would choose the power of **Seeing Beyond**. Seeing beyond would allow for me to see past the physical and metaphysical planes of existence, allowing me to view reality in different dimensions, and time in all past, present and future realities. Having this power would allow for me to see things beyond human understanding and would allow for the advancement of the human race.

Yap Jayden (9 Love)

If I had one power, it would be **Thinking Beyond**. This is because I believe that the way I am now, somewhat lacks critical thinking. So having the ability of thinking beyond could benefit me greatly as it will give me a wise and strategic mind so I can solve problems with ease. And I could use this power to help solve the problems of people I care about, so I can help them feel less stressed and pressured. And also with the benefit of having a strategic mind, many employers would want me.

Jasleen Kaur Kang (9 Grace)

I would choose **Seeing Beyond**. Seeing beyond not just in the literal sense where I can see physical things when some people can't, but seeing beyond in the sense where I can predict or conclude something while it is still being studied or analysed. It is more like having strong intuition and sensibilities that I can use to contemplate and break down things in a more complex way compared to others. This power benefits since I would be more aware of situations in life, and I could overcome or control things better. It will give me a better understanding of how relationships and bonds between people should be handled, so I won't end up going through the typical things like most people. Seeing beyond would truly be a blessing.

Ethan Shum Reyn (9 Love)

I would want to have the ability to **See Beyond**. With the ability to see beyond, I would create unique art pieces no one has ever seen. I would also create new colours to use in my art. I would sell these art pieces to investors and make a fortune. After making this fortune, I would donate the money to several charities. I would then rinse and repeat until I solve one major world problem.

English Literature

Nyeoh Chuan Jiun (9 Grace)

If I had one power, I would like to have the power of **Thinking Beyond**. This power could help me to comprehend things more vastly and it would be very important. I could understand things beyond what 'normal minds' can and this would help me live in a completely different way when it comes to, for example, morality, life and much more that is hard for us to think through or deeper.

Tiffany Cheow Xin Yin (9 Love)

If I had one power, it would be **Sensing Beyond**. Having this power could help me sense the danger ahead of me, and it could be extremely helpful as I would be aware of what's going to come next. Sensing beyond can help me visualize and feel another person's emotions better as I would be able to sense what they are thinking. It is a really helpful power as I would be able to sense lies, and truths, and not be easily fooled by anyone.

Skye Hoo Tian Yu (9 Love)

If I had one power, it would be **Seeing Beyond**. I would want that power because I would want to see what happens in the future. I would want to know what happens in my future. I would want to help the community make our lives better. By warning about future problems, we will all be able to overcome and avoid. I would be able to tell people if anything bad will happen to them.

Sabrina Foong Yiwern (9 Love)

If I had one power, it would be **Seeing Beyond**. I would want this power because I want to see the future. I also want to see how life would be like in the future. Also I want to help people by letting them know how their future will be, and if their future is bad, I will help them make their future better by letting them know obstacles that will happen in their lives so they can prepare themselves to overcome these obstacles.

Ho Wen Wei (9 Grace)

It would be **Healing Beyond**. This power would help me help others not just by healing wounds but also healing emotions and spirits. Whenever people are hurt in their own way, this power would be able to heal any kind of pain that people are feeling physically, mentally and spiritually.

Ong Samantha (9 Grace)

I would like to **Think Beyond**, In this world, there are many unanswered questions. For example: life after death, the unsolvable algebra questions, what is in the deepest part of the ocean, etcetera. I would like to gain an incredible amount of wisdom to answer all these questions. The biggest reason why I would like to think beyond is to help myself and the people all over the world, make the world a better place.

Loh Misha (9 Grace)

I want to be able to **Hear Beyond**. Hearing beyond would enable me to hear things before they happen. Hearing beyond would also enable me to hear music and play it when everyone else cannot. Hearing beyond also means I can identify people's voices without looking, and I will be able to hear the pitch of sounds easily. Hearing beyond would also increase my safety. It would also help me find things as I can locate where objects are easily.

Daniel Chen Jun Xian (9 Love)

My power would be **Feeling Beyond**. Having this power, one would be able to understand another person's hardships, experiences or feelings just by looking at the person. Whoever has this power could become an awesome counselor or therapist, being able to give the most suitable advice which could help especially people with severe anxiety or worse, depression. I could use this power to help others, forming a new hope in them which could significantly boost their confidence. This power is revolutionary as there are people in the world who would deeply appreciate if there is at least one person who can truly understand them.

English Literature

Reuel Arputharaj A/L Basel Ebernesan (9 Grace)

I want to have the power of **Hearing Beyond** because then I can hear things that others can't. My powers include the ability to differentiate between unique notes – basically perfect pitch – and with this ability, I would be able to play music, any instrument at all. I would also have the ability to use echolocation to navigate my way in the dark with ease. I can also very faintly hear thoughts.

Leong Jun Cheng (9 Love)

If I had one power, it would be **Feeling Beyond**, as I would know how a person feels before I say something. I think that this power can help a person to develop positive thinking by standing in the other person's shoes. It can prevent wars as world leaders with this same power would know the right thing to say so there would be no conflict.

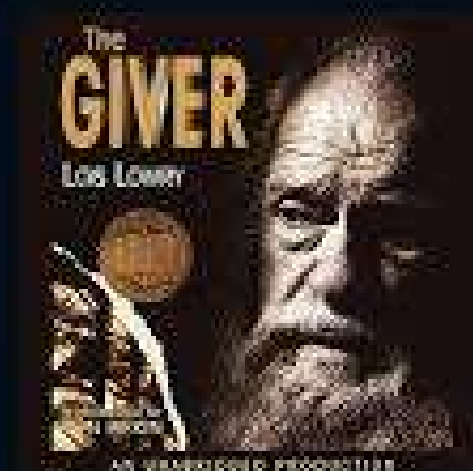
Wong Qiao Lyn (9 Grace)

The power I would have is **Probability Beyond**. Probability beyond is the power that allows me to control the probability of possibilities. For example, being able to control the probability of rain happening and changing it a hundred percent and cancelling the chance of it being a sunny day. This power can help me improve the community by changing the weather depending on the state of the agriculture in my community.



"It's the choosing that's important, isn't it?"

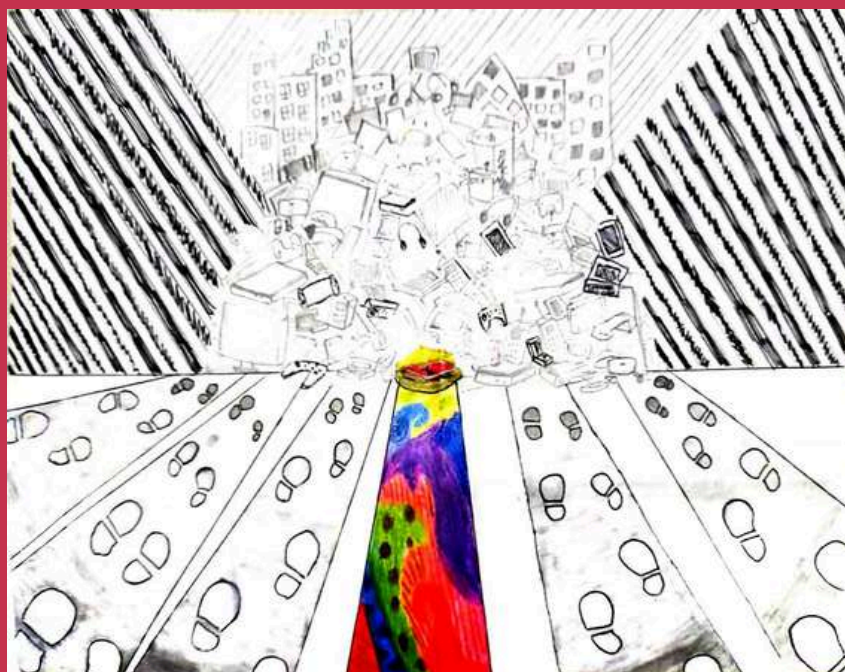
Lois Lowry
The Giver



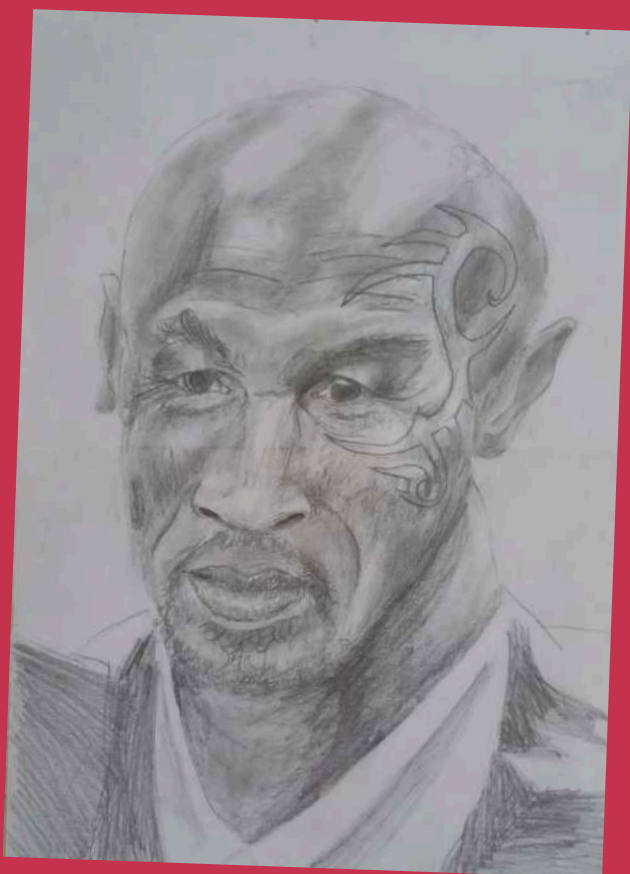
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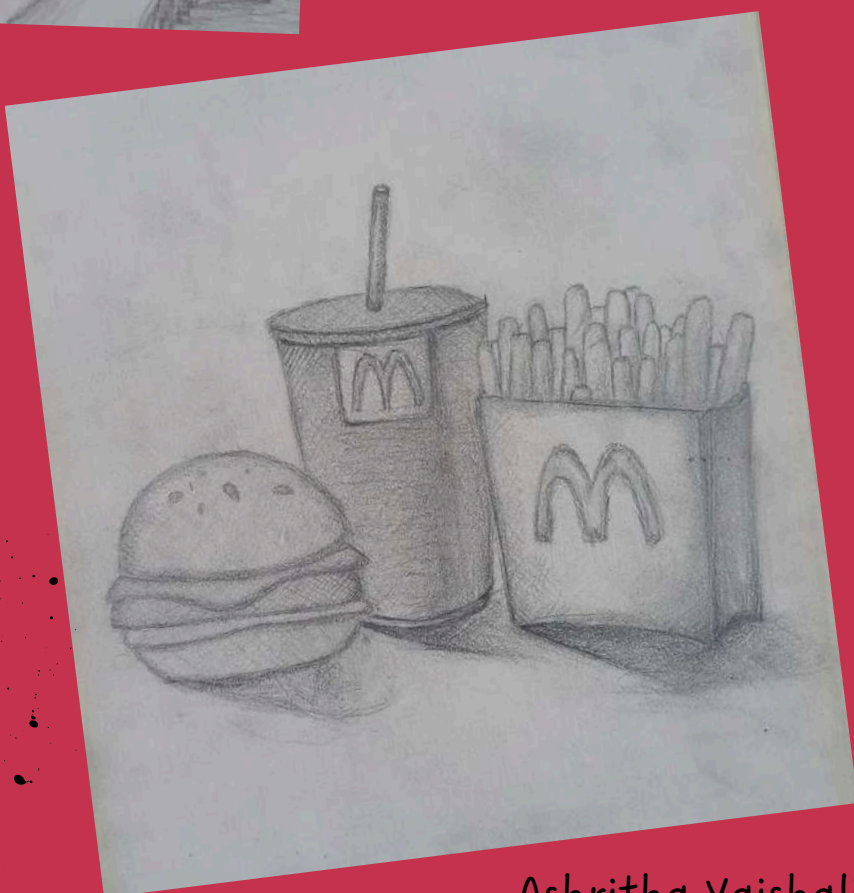
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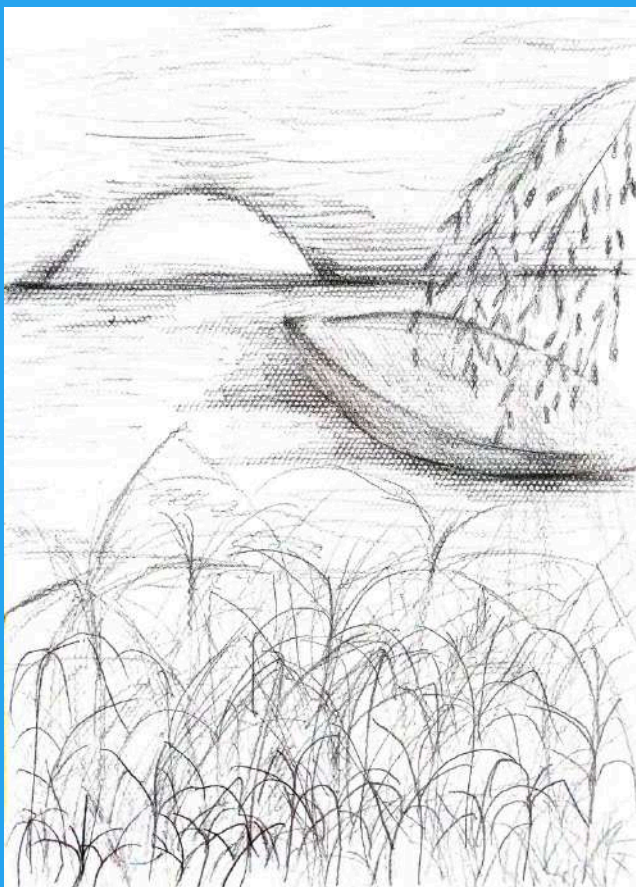
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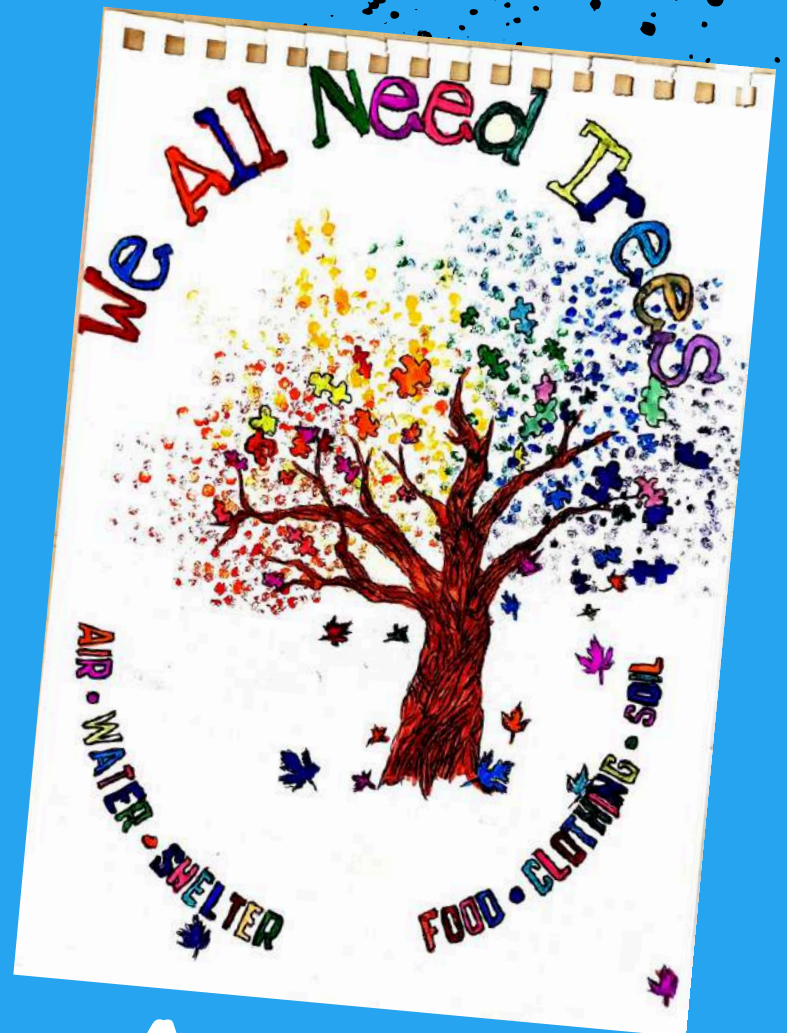
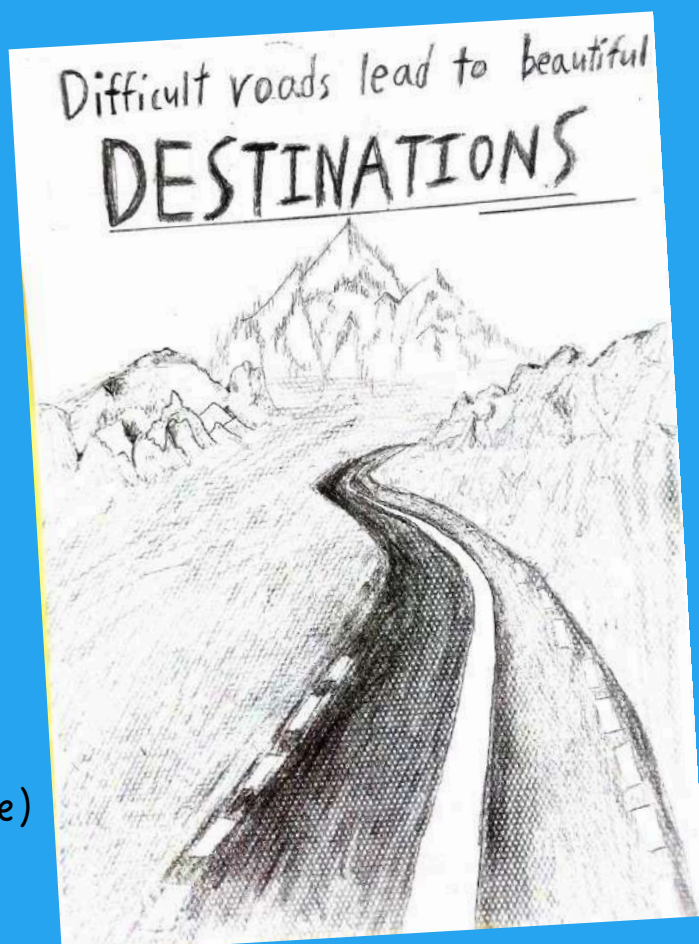
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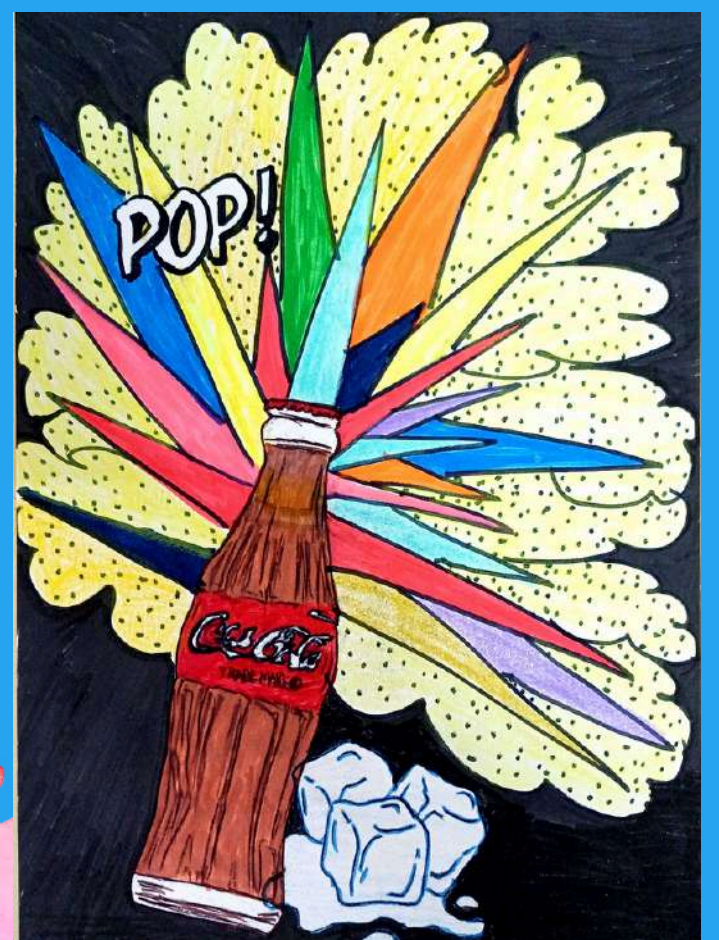
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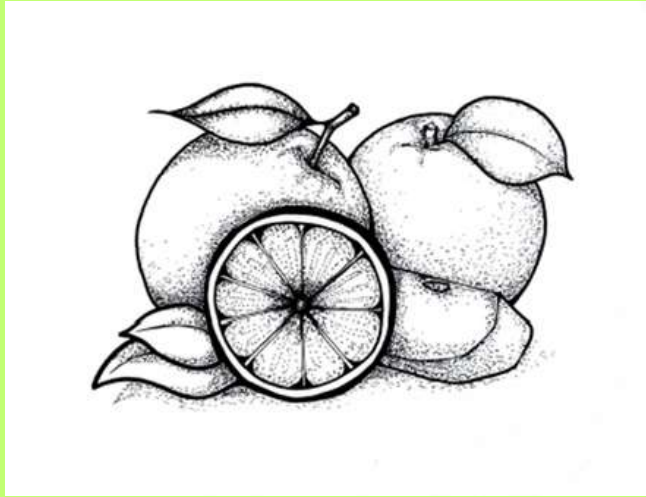
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