# **AP Art Sustained Investigation**

Aaron Knight 2023

Natomas High School

#### Brief Overview of your AP class

What do I need to do?

1. Collect or create a minimum of 5 pieces of high quality Art. = **Select Works**.

2. Develop an Essential Question. A question that can NOT be answered with a "Yes" or "No." This question will guide your sustained investigation.

#### $\bullet \bullet \bullet$

 Create a body of work (15 slides) that shows evidence of practice, exploration, and, revision that addresses the essential question. = Sustained Investigation. In progress shoots will count as a slide.

4. Writing to support and explain your art.

#### Types of AP Portfolios

**AP Drawing** 

**AP 2-D** 

• Digital art, Photography, Design, Painting, etc.

AP 3-D

- Ceramics
- Sculpture

# **Essential Question**

A guiding idea.

A question that can NOT be answered with a "Yes" or "No."

#### What life lessons can I learn from nature?

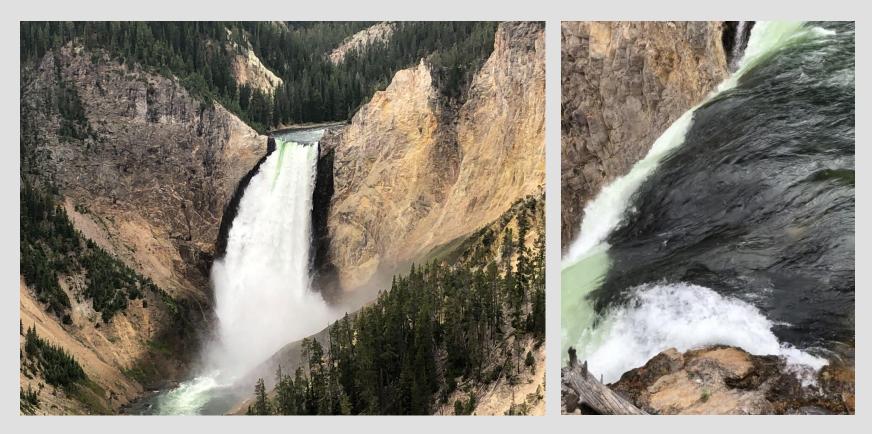
## Inspiration

On a summer road trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons, I was overwhelmed with the grand perspective that nature provides.

As I stared at these places I became very meditative and introspective.



## **Lower Falls of Yellowstone**



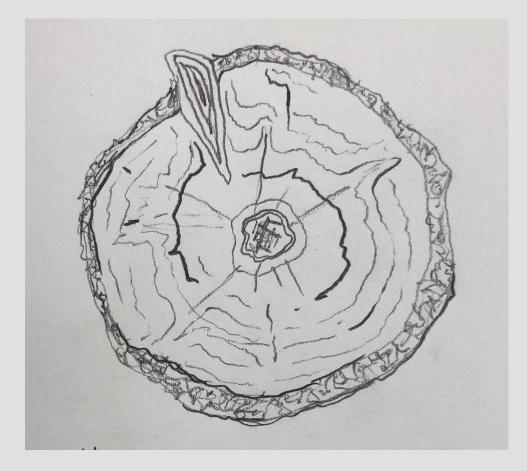
## Quote for personal growth

"Be The Messenger" The Smallest elements make a difference.

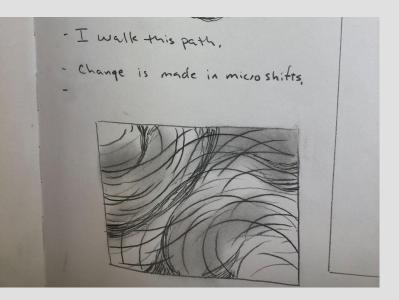
your body Muss Remain Strong To Carry you ON your journey. Respect the gifts You have been given.

Be aware in your environment. Which way is the energy flowing.

Jou ARE Safe



## **Sketches**



## Bring the ideas together

I wanted to create a work of art the combines nature, with an introspective assessment, of lessons that inform my life.

I chose to use the tree rings as a symbol of growth and aging.

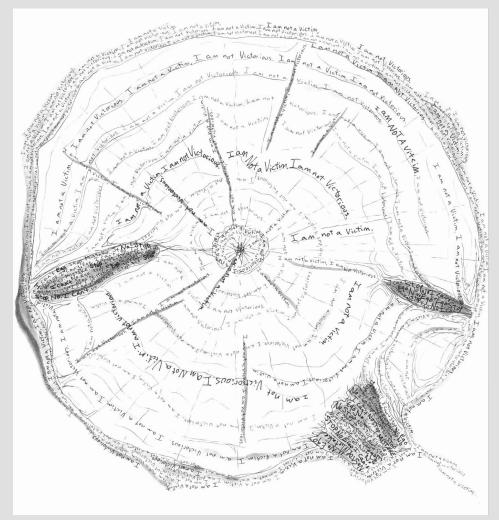
I chose to use the knots as a symbol of struggle, loss, and difficulty.

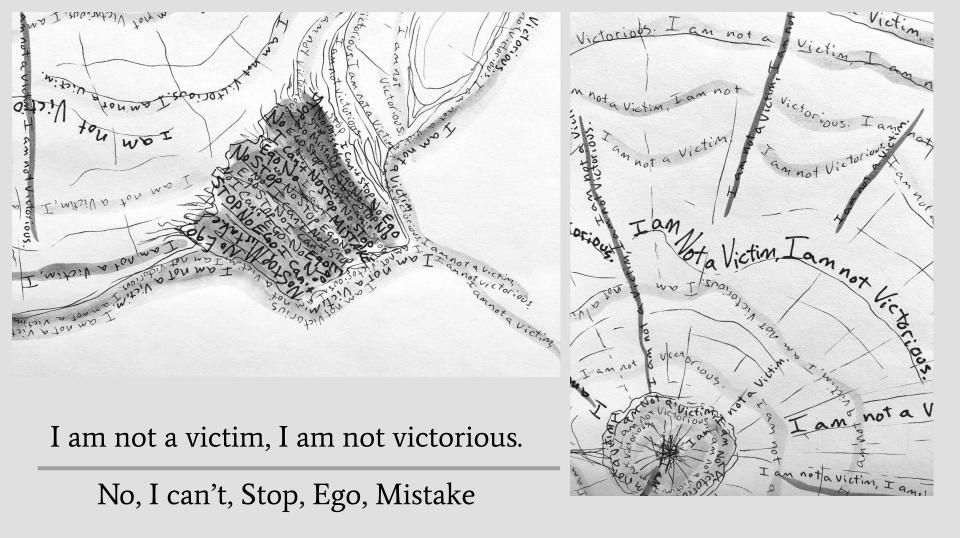
I chose the quote, "I am not a victim, I am not victorious" to draw my tree rings. To me this quote symbolize my attempt to become ego-free, as I become more self aware, of how I can grow as a human.

### **Sustained Investigation**

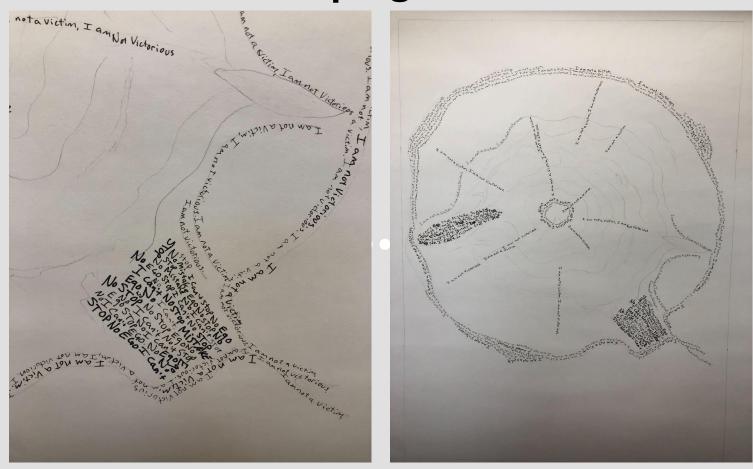
#### What life lessons can I learn from nature?

14" x 20" Micron pen, Ink, On paper

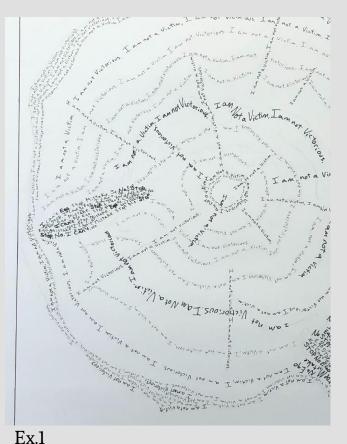


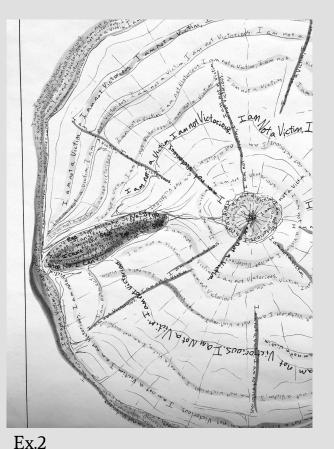


## In progress



#### Evidence of experimentation, practice, and revision





My original idea was to make all my marks only using text. Ex.1.

I noticed that my contrast was not strong enough to convey the likeness of the texture of the wood.

I experimented with washes of ink, and mark making with a micron pen, to add value, line, and movement to my work.

# **Aaron Knight**

# mrknightart.com

 $\bullet \bullet \bullet$ 

# aarontknight4@gmail.com

Thank you for your time