2020 AP® Art and Design
Drawing Selected Works, Score 4

Scoring Criteria

2-D/3-D/Drawing Art and Design Skills

Visual evidence of good 2-D/3-D/Drawing skills.

Rationale for Score

There is visual evidence of good drawing skills in this collection of works. In work 1, the sensitive handling of the colored pencil results in an overall consistency of marks used to create the various tonal values. The subtle modulations of lights and darks result in the convincing illusion of depth. In work 2, there is a simplification of details particularly in the development of the hands. Perhaps there could have been more attention to the modeling of the hands such as that seen in the small figure reaching out in the background. In work 3, the summary treatment of the back of the blue robe is somewhat distracting in contrast to the development of the figure’s sleeve or the shower curtain.

Materials, Processes, and Ideas

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Writing

Written evidence identifies materials, processes, and ideas.

The written evidence does identify materials, processes, and ideas. Character limitations within the digital submission platform often make it difficult to fully elaborate on an idea or process, which may have been the case in fully explaining the imagery in work 2.
Work 1
Selected Works

Height: 11 inches
Width: 8.5 inches

Ideas(s): Expressing the calm and safe mood of my bedroom through soft colors and interesting shadows

Material(s): Colored pencils

Process(es): Waking up before sunrise, taking 20 photos of bedroom as suns rising

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Work 2
Selected Works

Height: 10 inches
Width: 10 inches

Ideas(s): Illustrating my interpretation of the wives tale that cracking your knuckles causes arthritis

Material(s): Watercolor and acrylic paint, brown micron pen

Process(es): Modeling finger cracking poses for reference, organizing poses in journal, studying cracked glass
Work 3
Selected Works

Height: 10 inches
Width: 8 inches

Ideas(s): Expressing my childhood vision of the wives tale that plucking a white hair will cause two to sprout

Material(s): Acrylic paint

Process(es): Modeling own reference photo in bathroom, testing face expressions to capture ironic mood of actions