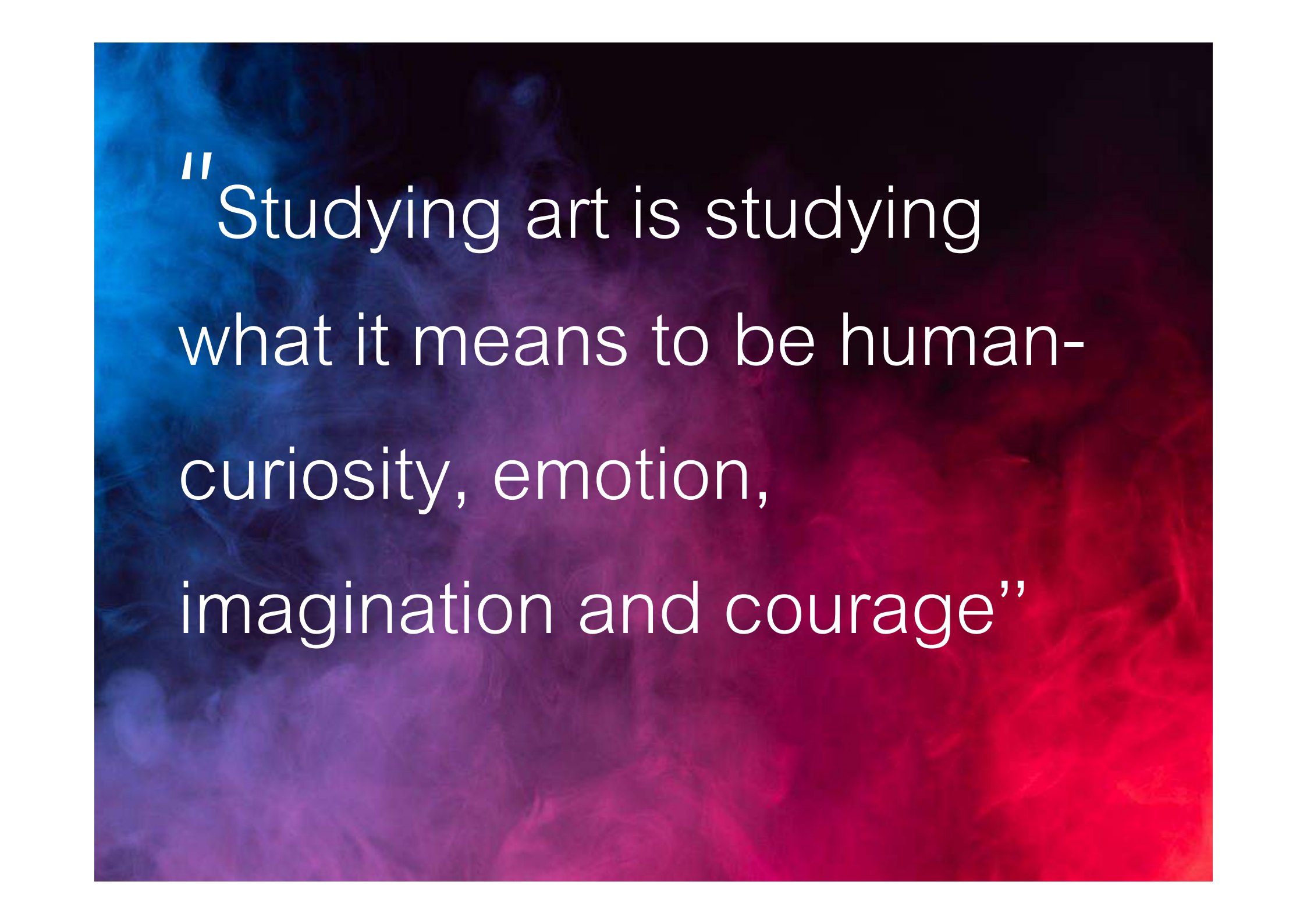


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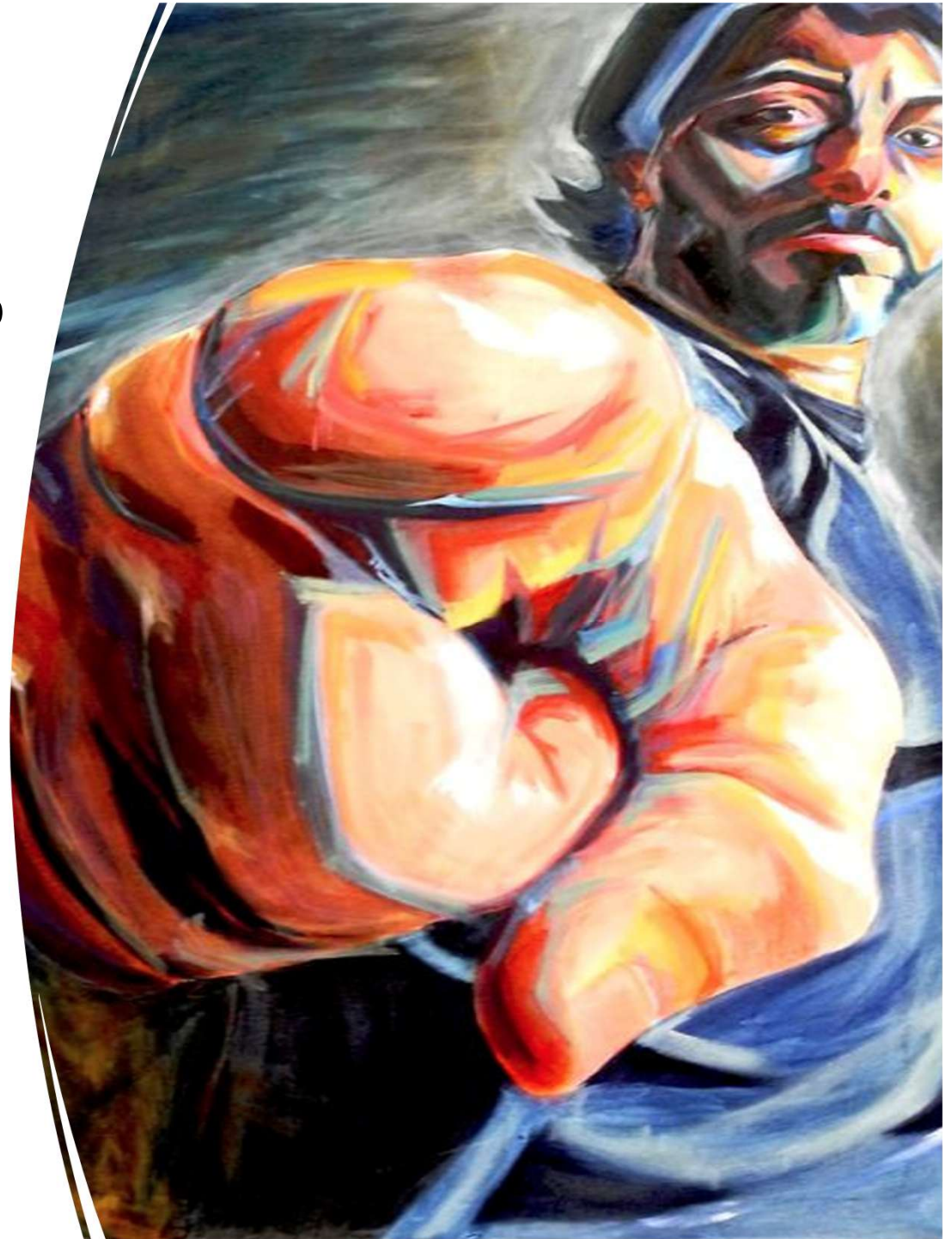


"Studying art is studying
what it means to be human-
curiosity, emotion,
imagination and courage"

What do you
need:

Previous experience? No
Be an expert? No

Enthusiasm
& a good
work ethic!



What To Expect

3 Hours Art Per Week In 5th Year

4 Hours Art Per Week In 6th Year

Written Component: Art History 30%

Practical Component: 70%:

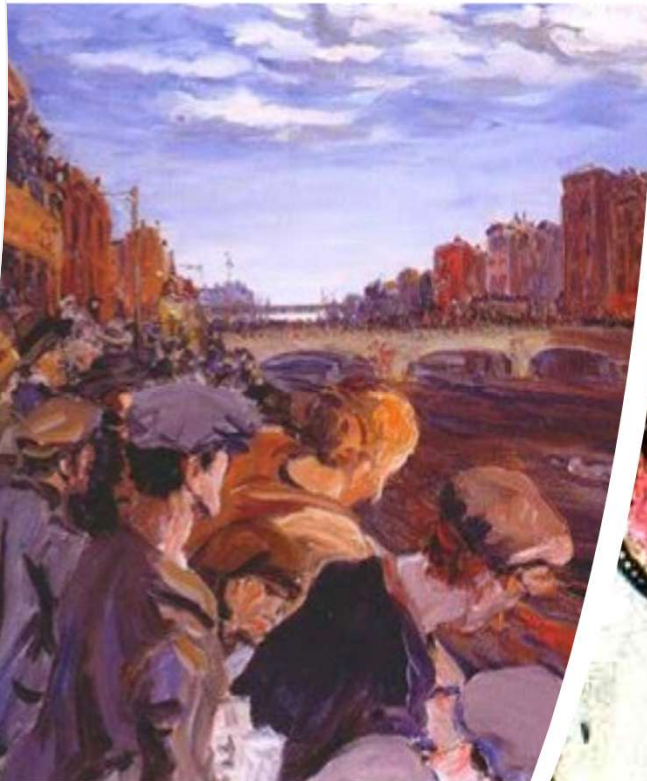
20% - Invigilated exam: Artefact B

50% - Project: Sketchbook & Artefact A

Art History

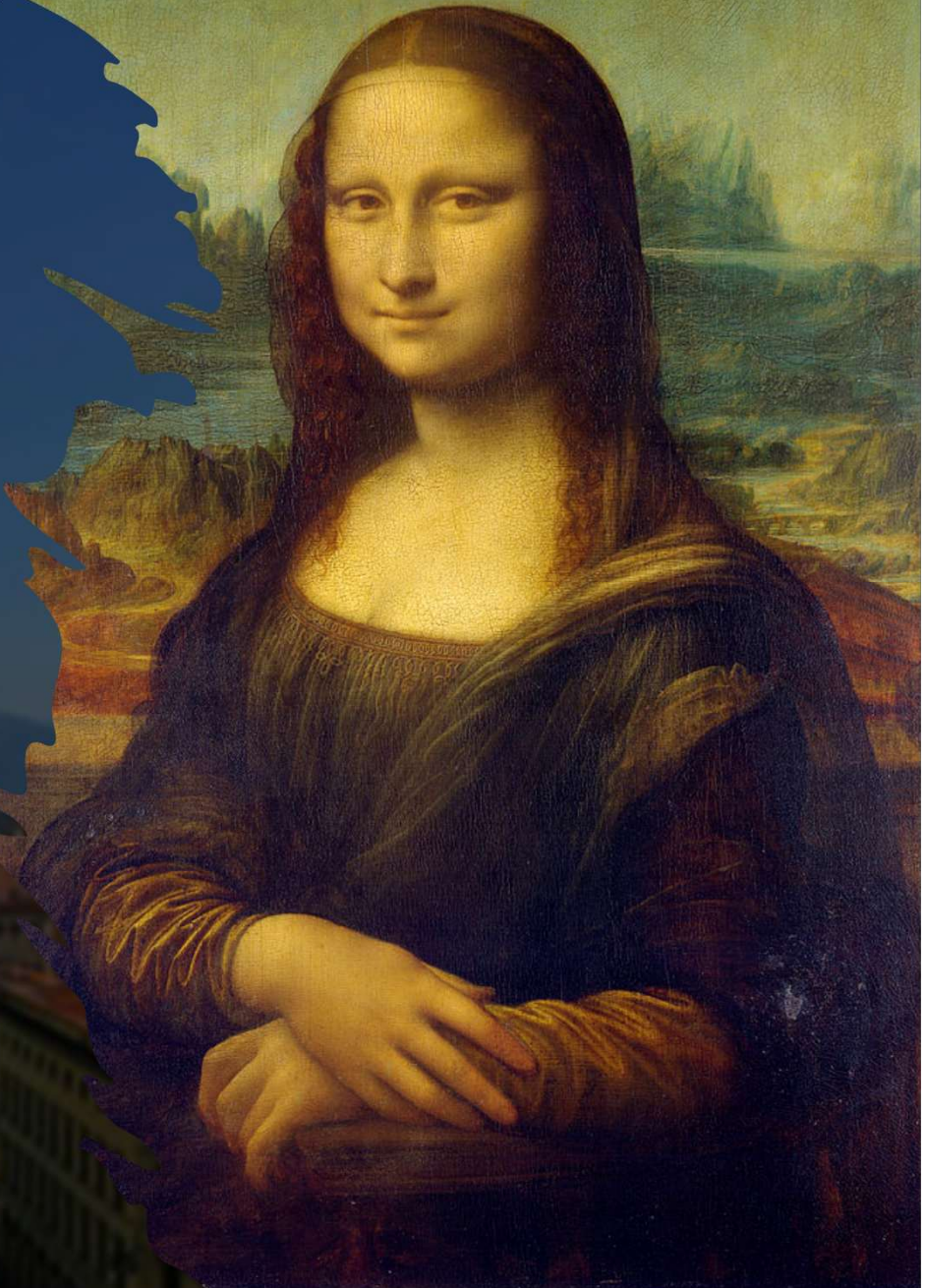
Learn about - Irish and European Art and artists such as Jack B Yeats, Harry Clarke, Louis Le Broquy, Romanesque and Gothic Architecture, Michelangelo & Monet to name just a few.

Exam: 30%



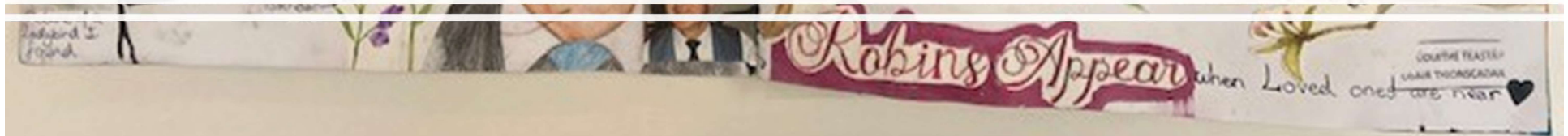
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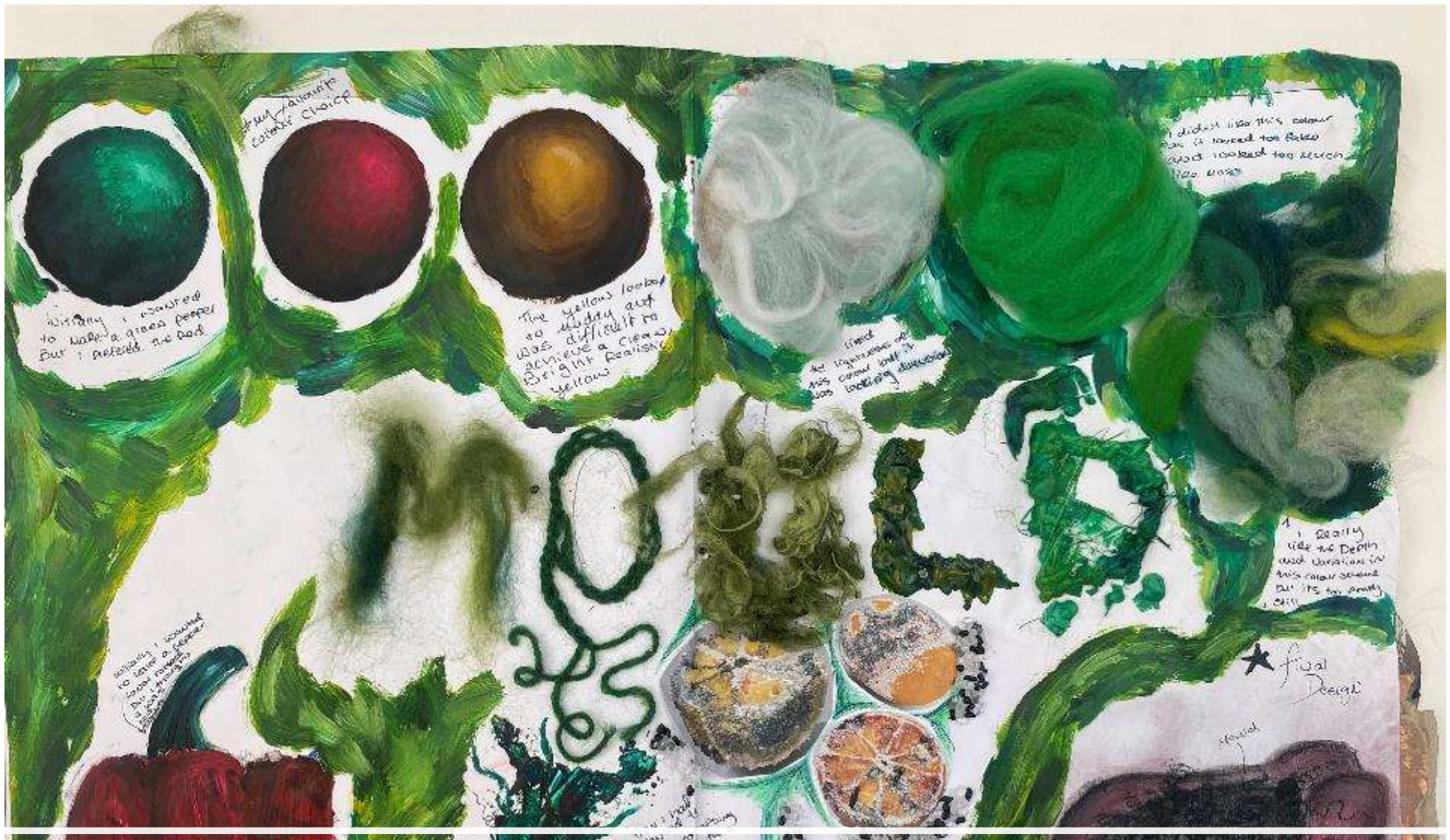
- Section A: Today's World (short question)
- Section B: Art in Ireland; Essay Q
- Section C: Europe & the World; Essay Q
- 30% of overall grade





Senior Cycle Sketchbook work examples ...





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Senior Cycle Sketchbook work. Full of creativity

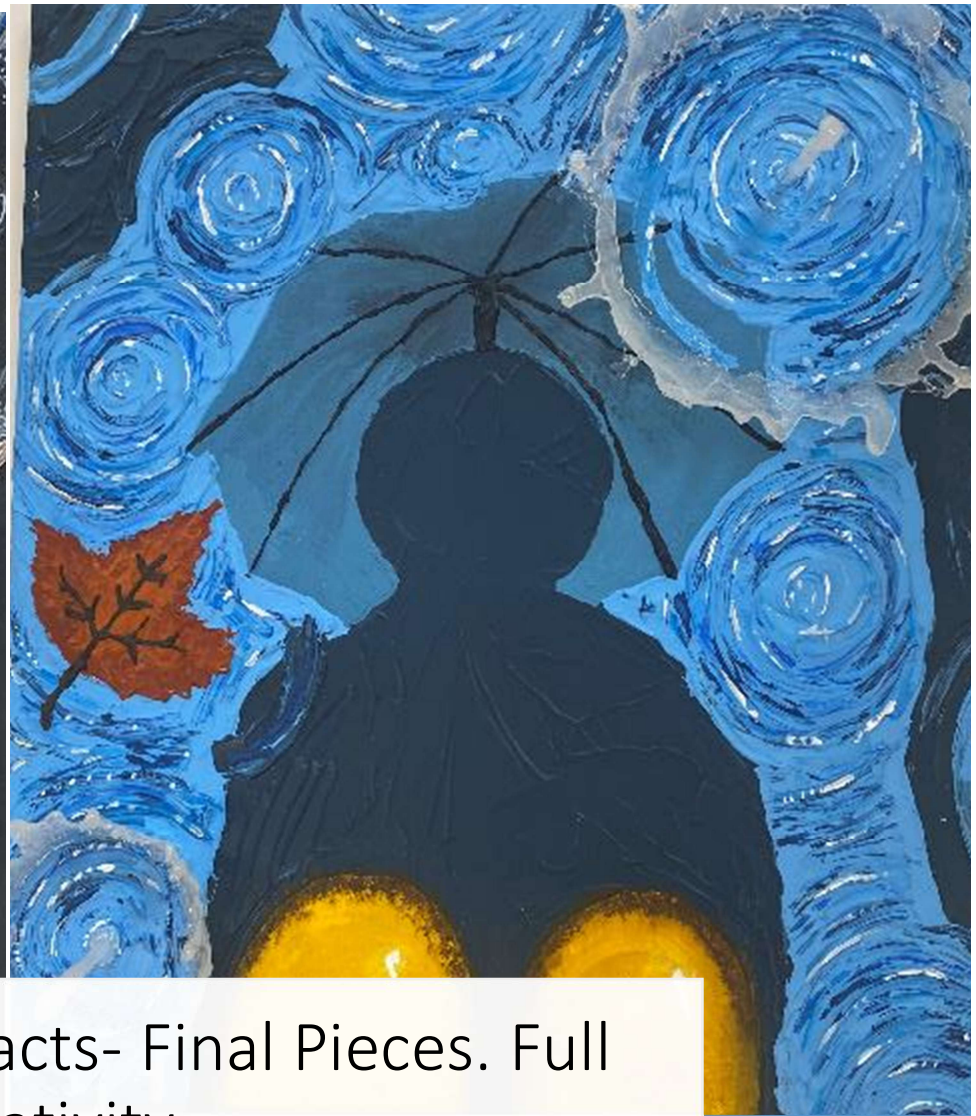




Senior Cycle Artefacts- Final Pieces. Full creativity



Senior Cycle Artefacts- Final Pieces.
Full creative control over media & theme



Senior Cycle Artefacts- Final Pieces. Full
creativity

Key Skills...

- Technical experimentation
- Development of ideas, concepts
- Development of skills
- Visual awareness of the environment, other artists work very important.
- Focus on personal and primary sources to inform projects.

Timeframe...

**5th Year: Cover Art
History: Art in
Ireland & Europe &
the wider world.**

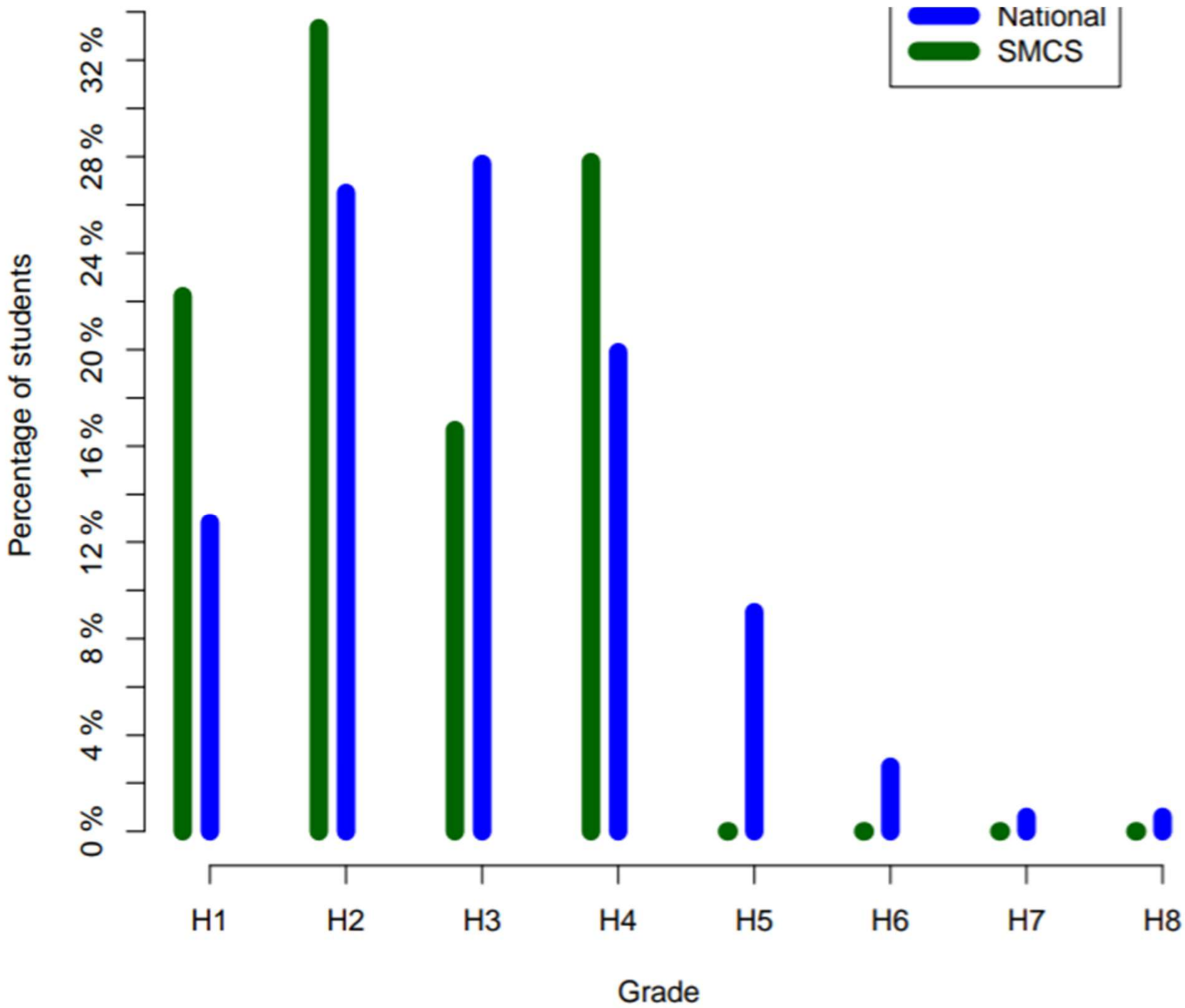
**Develop sketchbook
& craft skills.**

**6th Year: →70%
Practical
Coursework takes up
December onwards→**

Leaving Cert Art Results 2025

Art HL Distribution of Grades

	H1	H2	H3	H4	H5	H6	H7	H8
<i>National</i>	13 %	26 %	28 %	20 %	9 %	3 %	1 %	1 %
<i>SMCS</i>	22 %	33 %	17 %	28 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %
<i># Students</i>	4	6	3	5	0	0	0	0



The Future; AI & the Creative Fields



Creativity is becoming **more** important in our contemporary world, not less.



Across industries, creativity is emerging as a top future skill because it is something uniquely human.



Imagination, originality, emotional insight, taste & storytelling are valuable skills now in every workplace.



As automation & AI take over repetitive tasks, creative problem solving becomes more valuable.



Careers & Skills:

Creative problem-solving skills



Imagination



Art Careers

Fine Art & Traditional Art

- Painter
- Sculptor
- Printmaker
- Ceramic artist
- Mixed-media artist
- Installation artist
- Public / mural artist
- Gallery artist

Digital & Media Arts

- Digital illustrator
- Graphic designer
- Animator (2D/3D)
- Concept artist
- Visual effects (VFX) artist
- Motion graphics designer
- Video editor
- Game artist
- Character designer
- UI/UX designer
- Virtual reality (VR) artist
- Augmented reality (AR) de

Design Fields

- Interior designer
- Textile designer
- Fashion designer
- Costume designer
- Set designer (film/theatre)
- Product designer
- Furniture designer
- Jewellery designer

Photography & Film

- Photographer
- Photo editor / retoucher
- Cinematographer
- Storyboard artist
- Production designer
- Art director for film or TV

Art Business & Curation

- Art curator
- Gallery manager
- Museum educator
- Art dealer
- Art consultant
- Art historian
- Art conservationist

Therapy & Education

- Art therapist
- Community arts worker
- Arts programme coordinator
- Art teacher
(primary/secondary/college)
- Workshop facilitator

Illustration & Publishing

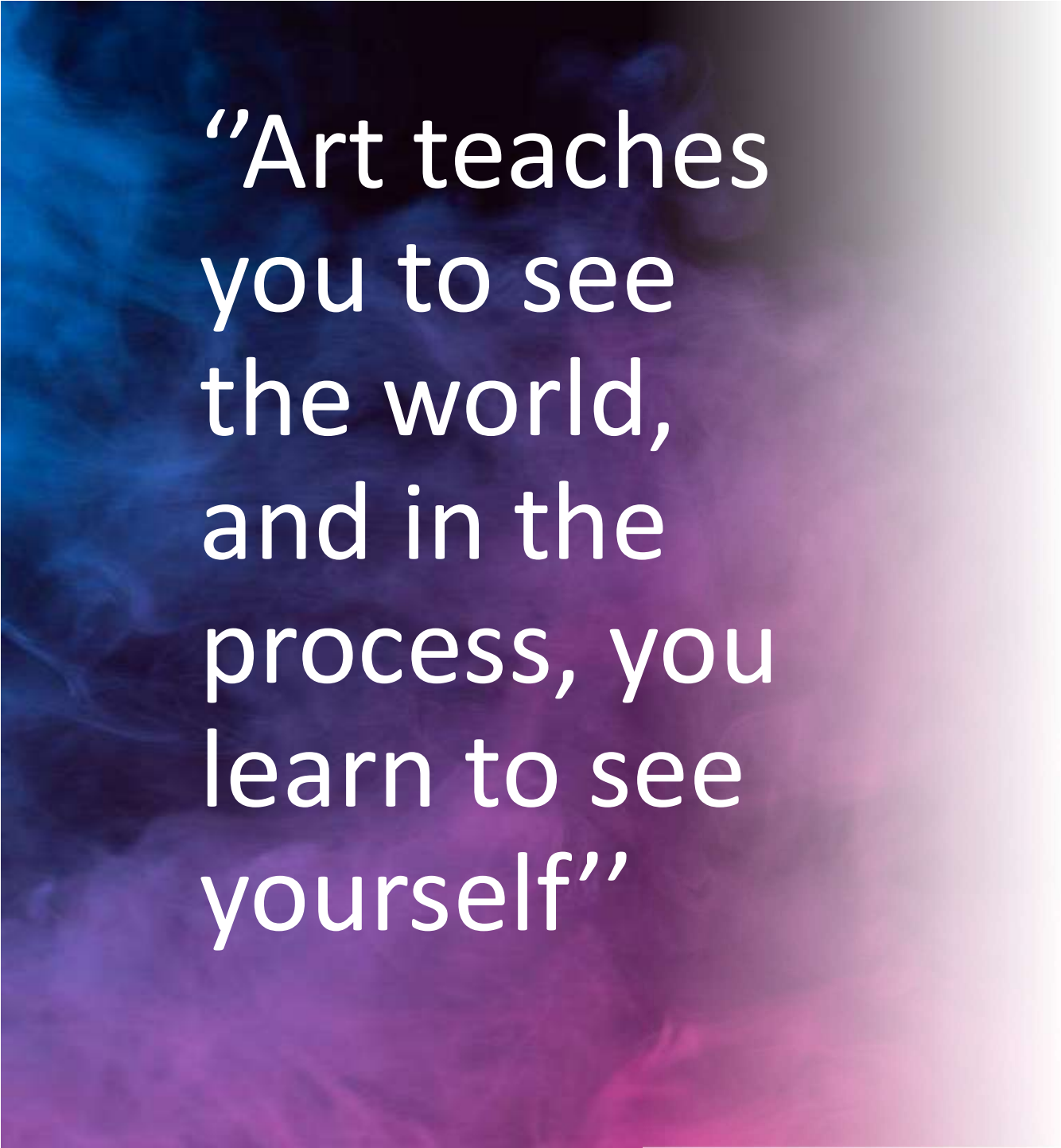
- Book illustrator
- Children's book artist
- Editorial illustrator
- Comic artist / graphic novelist
- Cover designer
- Storyboard illustrator

Craft, Making & Applied Arts

- Ceramicist
- Printmaker
- Weaver / textile crafts person
- Leatherworker
- Woodworker
- Glass artist
- Metalworker

Emerging & Tech-Creative Roles

- Creative technologist
- AI art director / AI creative specialist
- Experience designer
(immersive events, installations)
- Metaverse world designer
- Digital asset designer (NFTs, virtual goods)



“Art teaches
you to see
the world,
and in the
process, you
learn to see
yourself”