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Humanity is the study of literature, modern languages, ancient languages, visual arts, and performing arts. They offer an understanding of different outlooks of life in general and helps the students to think critically and creatively for understanding and interpreting the experience of humans in society (Center, 2017). Humanities are also relatable to different people in all ages, from children to the older generation. For instance, an aspect of humanity subjects like art can help a toddler to differentiate between colors because they can visualize and internalize what is presented to them. The paper will discuss my interactions with the aspect of visual arts in humanities.

Visual arts comprises of painting, sketching, sculpting, graphic design, and photography. Any form of art that brings out the creativity and beauty of something to life (Adsett et al., 2018). When it comes to learning about visual arts, it takes time as it is a craft that requires a lot of patience and practice to master it. For instance, painters take time to master the art of using different paintbrushes and paint as well for their artwork to become a masterpiece. Visual arts is everywhere in my day to day life. For instance, graphic design art is the wallpaper on my phone and laptop, and the clothes I wear have some aspect of visual arts designs on them. Visual art is the language that every human being gets to understand because it is a universal language, and almost everyone, if not all, understands, relates, and interact with visual arts in their everyday life.

Visual art is an aspect of humanities, and it plays an essential role in my life today because, through art, I have been able to see the world from a different perspective. The world today revolves around science a lot because of its inventions like the use of technology and the internet. But with the addition of humanities in the form of visual arts, I can analyze and

critically interpret what is around me. For instance, to some people, a painting is just a piece of art, but to me, a painting is more than art; this is so because I can interpret what the art means and which medium was used to make the painting a masterpiece. With the painting, I can understand what the art represents through the technique that the painter use. In the case of an abstract painting, the lines and patterns in the artwork may express joy or anger, depending on the color that was used to make the painting. Without humanities, I would have never looked at a painting with much depth because, to me, it would just be a painting. Humanities have made me appreciate the art of painting because I am always trying to understand the meaning behind every piece of art I interact with every day (Singh, 2019).

As mentioned above, visual arts helps a person to interpret art by internalizing and visualizing. In my case, it has helped me to think creatively and critically when working on a project. In that, I can take time to understand the project I am working on and to exercise patience when working on the project. Visual art has helped me to understand the aspect of practicing so that I can get any desired outcomes. In society today, we always tend to give up when things do not go the way we intended, but with the stories that are behind a masterpiece painting or sculpture proves that giving up is not an option. Thus, we have to keep on trying until we get to achieve our objectives. Getting to interact with visual arts has taught me not to give up and always to think critically and creatively (Page, 2019).

Interacting with different visual arts has enabled me to learn about different cultures (Borowiecki et al., 2018). It is so because I have been able to determine which painting or sculpture comes from based on the techniques. For instance, most sculptures in today's world are inspired by the Greek culture, and this has made me want to learn more about Greek culture and their inspiration behind the sculpture they made. As such, interacting with visual arts has caused

me to be open-minded and to become aware of my surroundings when it comes to identifying different types of art. In school, the use of visual arts has enabled me to comprehend certain aspects of a subject. The use of visual arts like photographs has helped me to get a clear picture of what the lecturer is teaching. For instance, if a lecturer is teaching about the history or evolution of humankind, having pictorials that show the evolution of humanity gives a better understanding of the subject because I get to comprehend something better when I see the picture (Punzalan, 2018).

Because visual arts is a wide scepter, as stated earlier, interacting with visual arts will improve my social skills. In that, I will be able to interact with art collectors, museum owners, and artists from different genres. I will get to learn more about various arts through the different artists together with their challenges and experiences encountered as they work on perfecting their artistic skills. Visual arts also create a job opportunity for anyone with creative skills. For instance, in museums, if I have an understanding of what each painting presented in the museum represents, I can get a job there and even get to interact with a lot of art enthusiasts because art brings people together (Yuan, 2019). Visual arts is extensive, and it houses a lot of different kinds of arts. I can interact with visual arts when it comes to films and the film making process. With the help of technology, movies can come to life, and I can enjoy watching the film created by creative people. In these films, I can relate and connect with the characters in these movies.

In conclusion, having discussed my interactions with the aspect of visual arts in humanities, it is essential to understand that visual arts is necessary in our lives today. It can bring people together, to entertain, educate, and to document history. We can all relate to visual arts in different aspects, depending on the preference. Primarily, because visual art is a powerful tool of communication, it influences us to want to become better people in society.

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