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The Power of Art: A Personal Journey

Art, a hidden language of the soul, has always allowed me to unravel the unspeakable. The diverse nature of art has made it difficult to classify, revealing numerous paths to decipher and shape my identity in the mysterious world around us.

During my art classes, I have learned to understand who I am. I see my existence in my artwork. It serves me as a voice for the voiceless, giving power to the unheard. Frida Kahlo's self-portraits provided a profound lens for me that helped in understanding life's complexities. I analyzed her art in school; it revealed a mirror reflecting universal struggles, offering guidance through pain, resilience, and identity.

I believe art connects all, it isn't just personal; it's a bridge connecting us to others in our diverse world. Growing up in India, surrounded by countless cultures, I see the beauty of everyday life as a canvas. During Diwali, a festival about good beating evil, I see how art is ignited through Ran-



goli. I use bright flowers to show struggles floating away and good things staying. Additionally, art is conveyed through the Indian architectural buildings like the Gateway of India, Flora Fountain, Bombay High Court, the carvings in the temples, and the modern murals at Churchgate and Bandra.

As I grow as an artist, my charcoal butterfly artwork basks in sunlight in my school art sky studio, depicting a narrative of a youthful butterfly's transformative adventure. Yet, among stormy rain, the scene transforms, sym-

bolizing the challenges faced by the same butterfly. It reveals unique elements of the butterfly journey.

I believe that art expresses society. I've discovered a universal language, a mirror reflecting individuality, and a powerful force for social change. From Ambedkar's writings envisioning a safer India to S.H. Raza's abstract painting series titled "The Partition", art highlights the injustices in society. Whether through rangolis or empowering paintings, art is a powerful force tied closely to my identity.

In the kaleidoscope of life, art connected me to several cultures and generations. It is not simply a personal journey, but a universal language, weaving stories of resilience, identity, and societal change for all to behold and embrace.



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