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Comprehensive Statement

- In my journey of Art Appreciation, I have discovered art's influence throughout history. Past artists used a broad range of art forms to express feelings, insights, and experiences (Frank, 2014).
- I have come to understand that art is a means to tell a story from the eyes or perspective of the artist during a particular moment in time with use of a particular medium (Frank, 2014).

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- My Art Gallery focuses on the works of Michelangelo, whose had great influence in the cities of Florence, Rome, and Venice during the High Renaissance. I discovered that he demonstrated his investigative and creative mind in his journals, documenting his research in notes and drawings that were filled with studies of human anatomy and ideas for mechanical devices. His explorations placed him at the forefront of the scientific development of his time (Frank, 2014).

Comprehensive Statement: Art Criticism Theory

- From my research, I feel that Michelangelo's work is a great example of all of the art criticism theories. The Formal Theory focuses on the technical skill of the artist, and Michelangelo's work is virtually flawless. His work was also important to the times and influenced by society, working with the Contextual Theory. His *Last Judgment* painting expresses a great deal of emotion, making it a perfect example of the Expressive Theory.

Comprehensive Statement: Art's Role in Society

- I have learned from researching that during the Italian Renaissance Michelangelo created many sculptural masterpieces that expressed many Renaissance ideas. His most renowned sculpture, *David*, symbolized freedom from oppression for Florence, which had just become a republic. Michelangelo's *David* depicted a powerful image of David. The position of his hands and his rigorous facial expression indicates that he is ready for combat (Frank, 2014).

Conclusion

- This journey into art, by means of my Art Gallery, has greatly influenced my daily life. I have become more aware of the artworks around me, and I even appreciate commercials because I know that someone had to come up with the idea and market it!



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