AN ARTIST STATEMENT is a written blurb, which tells a viewer how to process your artwork; it also widens the understanding and reach of your artwork.

## **ARTIST STATEMENTS ANSWER SOME THESE QUESTIONS:**

(use these questions to help frame your artist statement)

- 1. WHY DO YOU MAKE THIS TYPE OF ART?
  - Why might you choose this theme or subject matter?
  - What are your goals as an artist?

TIP: Use this section to describe your artwork

- 2. WHAT DOES YOUR ARTWORK REPRESENT?
  - Does your artwork represent something about you?
  - Does your artwork represent a message about the world?
- 3. WHAT INSPIRES YOU?
  - What motivates you to make artwork?
  - Do you take inspiration from everyday events or activities?
  - What emotions might you try to show in your artwork?

TIP: Be enthusiastic in your description of this section so that your audience will feel more enthusiastic about it too!

- 4. HOW DID YOU MAKE IT?
  - Why might you use certain materials and techniques?
  - Is there a connection between the process and the artwork's message?
- 5. What does your artwork mean to you?
  - How might you interpret the meaning of your work?

TIP: You're NOT trying to tell your audience what to think but instead let your artwork speak for itself. Focus solely on your own understanding of your art.

## SENTENCE STARTERS USE THESE TO HELP YOU GET STARTED

In this piece of work I have... I have created this piece by... I was inspired by... The successful parts of my work are... The areas I could change in my work are...