



The Ingenious Mind

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Artists of the renaissance became widely known because of their distinct styles and techniques that were unique to their era. Most of the tools and media were limited due to the technology of their time, but these artists managed to produce the most notable and acclaimed works of art in history. The modern-day artists have access to limitless variety of tools and media that gave birth to various forms of artistic expression. It has been centuries since the earliest form of art and regardless of the span of time and huge disparity of styles, it is creativity that acts as a common medium that paints immortalized works of art with every stroke of the brush on the canvass.

Whether it be art, music, theatre arts, writing or any profession, creativity knows no bounds. It is for those who believe that with imagination come limitless possibilities. Those who are able to wield the potential of ingenuity, open doors of learning opportunities as well as a path to self-discovery. If applied to everyday living, creativity presents an alternative avenue and is presented in its most practical form: resourcefulness. We learn how to live with whatever we have and use whatever is available to solve the most serious and the most trivial issues in life. For example, instead of using the usual bandage or gauze for a patient with a puncture wound, we could use a handkerchief or tear a part of his shirt as a temporary bandage.

If we want to boil water, but there is no tea kettle available, then why not use a frying pan? As long as we don't add oil to it and fill it up to the brim. Kidding aside, we are faced with a variety of issues and obstacles and we all have choices to make. Ingenious decisions may not be a work of art or what society accepts as "normal", but if thinking out-of-the-box to effectively address a predicament gets the job done, then why not? Being creative can sometimes raise eyebrows, but it's because they don't have a full understanding of the process and therefore fail to realize the potential of inventiveness in everyday living.

The brush is an indispensable tool for painters, the media that they use (oils, acrylics, pastels, mixed-media, etc) and their unique styles only takes form when applied on canvass. Computers are vital for graphic artists, cameras for photographers, exercise equipment for trainers, instruments for musicians and knowledge, wisdom and emotional intelligence for teachers. Each with his/her own media and creativity that are common elements to concretize every individual's unique styles on their chosen canvass of professions and lives. Life is a canvass, paint it creatively well.

Questions to discussion:

1. What is creativity and it's significance in your life?
2. Cite some specific examples of how creativity had been useful in your life. Explain each experience in detail.
3. What are the synonyms of "creativity" in the essay? Find them all and use them in your own sentence.
4. If you have forgotten to buy some groceries, but you have leftovers in the fridge, what would you do?
5. What do you think is the meaning of "Life is a canvass, paint it creatively well." Please explain thoroughly.