IAP Visual Art Portfolio Written Description Form

Please attach a **written description** to **ONE (1)** of your artworks. You may choose one of the required pieces or the additional portfolio pieces to write about. You may write your description in point form, but be sure to provide context for your artwork.

In the "I feel the strengths of this piece are…" section, please talk about how your work shows your planning and creativity, the elements and principles of design, and discuss the medium and techniques you used.

Please print or copy the following "Written Description Form" to fill out:

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Artwork Title:

Medium(s) used (what materials/techniques did you use to create it?):

This work was completed (check one):

__ at home
__ as a school project
__ at an art club or a private class
__ with help from someone else

I feel the **strengths** of this piece are (try to write or list at least 3 things)…

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Helpful prompts you can use to discuss the strengths of your artwork:

- ➔ The first thing I want the viewer to notice is . . .
- ➔ I put the ….in the (location in your artwork) … because…
  For example: I put the dog off to the side to use the rule of thirds. Or - I put the dog in the foreground as the largest thing so that it would be noticed first and so that I could put the most detailed textures and shading on the dog
- ➔ I used the colours…. because……
- ➔ I showed my shading skills by … (You can discuss contrast, value, layering colours, or how you showed form/volume)
- ➔ I used the following Elements and Principles of Design (chose 1-3 key elements and describe how you used them)
  For example: I used the Line techniques of… I used the colour harmony of … I used organic/geometric shapes to show… I showed depth by… I showed unity through….
- ➔ The most successful thing about this piece is….(list/describe the example and why it works well)
- ➔ I am proud of how I …….