

WHAT is ART?



You draw, you paint portraits, you do sculptures, or you're a living statue. It doesn't matter – everyone's an artist!

THE CASE FOR

When I look at the Mona Lisa or a Picasso painting, and we say, "That's art." But what about the amazing graffiti on your wall? What about photographs shared online by our friends? What about your school art exhibition? You worked hard, and it's great. So, is that art? To me, art is anything that's creative. Of course, I like going to art museums. But I also like painting portraits of my friends. I'm not a professional, but I'm creative. I'm passionate about it, and my friends like it. In the end, lost of all, I like it!

Maya, age 15, San Diego, California

THE CASE AGAINST

I like visiting art museums, too. Why? Because I like looking at good art. Art is not the drawings of four-year-old children. It isn't painting your body with crazy colors and standing in the street. And it certainly isn't graffiti. Some people say, "If it's creative and cool, it's art." I don't agree. Art is the result of hard work and study. My aunt is an artist. She went to art school for six years. She doesn't make much money, but sometimes her sculptures are in exhibitions. Her art is great. Art is very hard, and not many people can do it well.

Kayla, age 16, Charlotte, North Carolina