

Preparing your artist statement

An artist statement is a flexible contribution that should accompany your visual art piece; your statement should augment/supplement your audience's understanding and appreciation of your work. Its purpose is to discuss your inspiration and process and in some cases, the medium(s) you used. You may want to reflect on your approach and its relationship to your goals as an artist and an individual.

The artist statement doesn't need to be either concrete or abstract but can exist anywhere on this continuum.

Here are some questions to consider as you're composing your artist statement:

- What prompted you to create this piece?
- What questions or issues were you aiming to address?
- What medium(s) did you use?
- In what ways does your piece speak to individual experiences as well as larger, more universal themes?

These questions don't necessarily need to be answered in your artist statement but may be useful in constructing your narrative.