

*In the Arts Genealogy your objective is to show the ways different creative experiences have made an impression on you and shaped your current views about the arts.*

**Guidelines:**

Two options:

- Trace or create your arts genealogy in a well-organized, integrated essay of 3 pages.
- or Create your arts genealogy (lineage) through a collage, family tree diagram, timeline, etc. Make your project two-dimensional and no larger than 11x17. Also include a short essay (no more than one page) to comment on your creation.

**Ideas:**

Consider your past experience with the arts. What arts were you exposed to as a child? What music did you listen to along the way? What opportunities did you have in school to participate in the arts? Were you influenced by anyone in particular who was artistically inclined? Do you read comic books? Do you play any instrument(s)? Do you garden? Do you like to cook without a cookbook? Do you like to draw? You may even choose to research and include what arts your parents, grandparents, and other family members and friends have experienced and how that has influenced you.

**Objectives:**

- To gain an understanding of how your experiences (family influence, favorite activities, friends, media, school, etc.) relate to your opinions or tastes in arts (e.g. music, photography, dance, theater, etc.).
- To become aware of the cultural origins of your arts experiences. How did they become part of your life?
- Think of experiences when you learned something new and creative (how to play an instrument, took an acting class, how to edit videos and put them on YouTube, etc.). Consider how that experience is part of your outlook today. Has a particular experience ever changed your opinion of a work or genre of art?