

Self Destruction

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School: West Valley High School

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Medium: Markers and Sharpies and Tempura Paint

Artist Statement

You may look at this piece and see some girl smoking a cigarette but that's not what I see. This piece represents the act of self destruction for the approval of others. This girl knows what she is doing is wrong but she can't stop. She just wants to feel loved and she will do anything to feel it. I made this piece with the intent of showing what the influence of others can turn you into. To show that peer pressure can be lethal I used a cigarette to highlight how people are addictive and despite how bad they may be and how they may hurt you, you will feel the need to go back to them because you love them so much. People will turn to self destructive and deprecating acts to avoid judgment and feel care from others. I used markers and tempera paint.

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