

Caroline Huang '21

*Pensive*, 2019

Oil on canvas

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“What do you see when you look into a person’s eyes? How do their expressions reflect their own identity? Often in society, we are too quick to judge based on first impressions, rather than taking the time to truly get to know someone. In a fast-moving world, it becomes hard to sit down and have a face to face conversation and make genuine connections with others. It is important to step back from our constant activity and make time for those that we love and those that we are getting to know.

This term, my main goal was to focus on the technical aspects of a painting. I wanted the painting to capture the subject’s expression and also play with lights and darks, as well as color contrast. My intention is for the observer to get drawn into the painting and really study it, everything from the brush strokes to the layers of texture. *Pensive’s* focal point are the subject’s eyes. There is a kind of mystery behind them, pulling the viewer in to observe the details.”

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