Icarus and Daedalus

Interpreting Meaning through Art

We spent the period discussing and analyzing the myth of Icarus, son of Daedalus who dared to fly too near the sun on wings of feathers and wax. We all know how that turned out.

Your homework assignment is to create a piece of art that you feel best represents an interpretation of the myth. You are interpreting the myth and then emphasizing the meaning through an artistic piece. Be as creative as you’d like using one of the following suggestions as a medium for your work:

* painting
* sketch/drawing
* chalk art
* photography
* sculpture
* collage
* something you can do or come up with on your own

There are no guidelines for your artwork other than an expectation that you will take the time to think this through and then put some time and effort into the creative process.

Next period, your artwork will be displayed for the class in an art gallery. The class will pick the top 5 pieces that best express an interpretation of the myth. **Please do not display your name on the front of your piece. You as artists will remain anonymous until the winners are announced.**

Even if you don’t feel you have artistic ability, put effort into this assignment. You will not be graded on your artistic ability but rather on your effort to express your interpretation of the myth. Consider utilizing the following techniques to enhance your interpretation:

* color choices
* lack of color
* brightness or dullness of subjects/objects within the piece
* contrast
* shadows
* proportion of subjects/objects within the piece
* size of subjects/objects within the piece
* placement of subjects/objects within the piece
* symbols within the piece

**Please do not look online for other artists’ interpretations of the myth. That will defeat the purpose of this assignment. Your purpose is to interpret the myth on your own and then express that understanding through your own artistic creation. Getting online and looking up “inspiration” will only deflate your own creativity. So have fun with this and follow the rules :)**