

Impact Statement

Kenzie Shoffner, Grade 7.

The Right Side of History, 2018.

Mixed media, photography on paper, 22 x 16 Inches.

Pilot Mountain Middle School, Pilot Mountain, NC

Unsung Hero: Kendall Reinhardt

My name is Kenzie Shoffner, and I am a 7th grade student at Pilot Mountain Middle School. I also play softball, volleyball, and basketball for my school. I also play travel softball and volleyball. Currently I am in art class. My art teacher brought up an art contest on unsung heroes. I found it very interesting to make a project that told the story of an unsung hero. I thought the idea of making a project to enter into a contest was really neat because I have never entered a art project into a contest. I selected Kendall Reinhardt for my project. He was nice to the African American people and treated them with respect. My artwork reflects him because, he said that he didn't want to be part of the wrong side of history. He said this when other people would close the doors so that African American people could not get in the school with them. In my project I incorporated the door which would represent the doors that the people closed so the African American people could not get into the school with them. Also, I searched online somethings that made me choose the door, and somethings that inspired me to do this project. I wrote these words on the border of the door. The words on my artwork say "Kendall Reinhardt, Walk with me through the right side of history. Old ways will not open new doors. A very little thing can open a life full of happiness".

I first picked Kendall Reinhardt as my hero, and I wanted to incorporate photography in my project. This being said, my mom and I went out and looked for old rustic doors that would go with my theme. I found and took photos of three doors that I was interested in. Me and my art teacher talked and searched ideas that I could incorporate in my project. I really liked the idea of incorporating a 3D aspect to my artwork. I thought it gave the picture more details and a greater look. I decided that I would make my picture look 3D by adding a raised, mixed media border. I also took time to find a color scheme. I went with the colors of burgundy and light blue because I thought it really went well with the old rustic door. As I mentioned before, I wanted to incorporate some wording that went with the theme in my project. I researched some quotes and sayings and that helped me decide what I wanted to write on my project. After I decided on which words would best bring meaning to my work I tried many different layouts to decide where to place the wording. I decided to write them on the burgundy color.

This process has changed the outlook of how I treat other people. I now am more careful about what I am saying and how I am treating other people. I thought going and taking pictures with my mom was really fun and that it was good quality time with my her. I really enjoyed doing this project because, it made me think about how I treat others, and I love doing art projects like this one, it was a long process, but I am really satisfied with the final outcome.