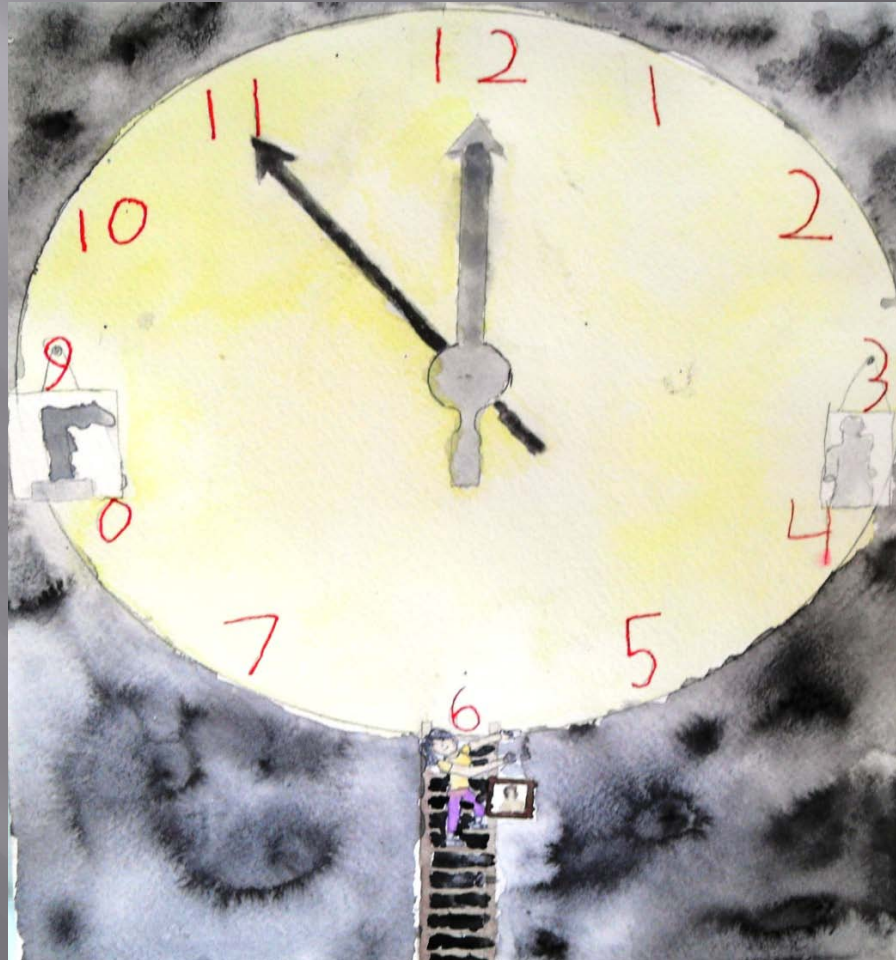


5 MINUTES IN THE LOUVRE



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“I love Art! I’m constantly inspired by the artwork of the great Masters.

The only place you can see these artworks in person is at a museum.

I have visited many museums but the ONE museum I really want to see is the Louvre.”

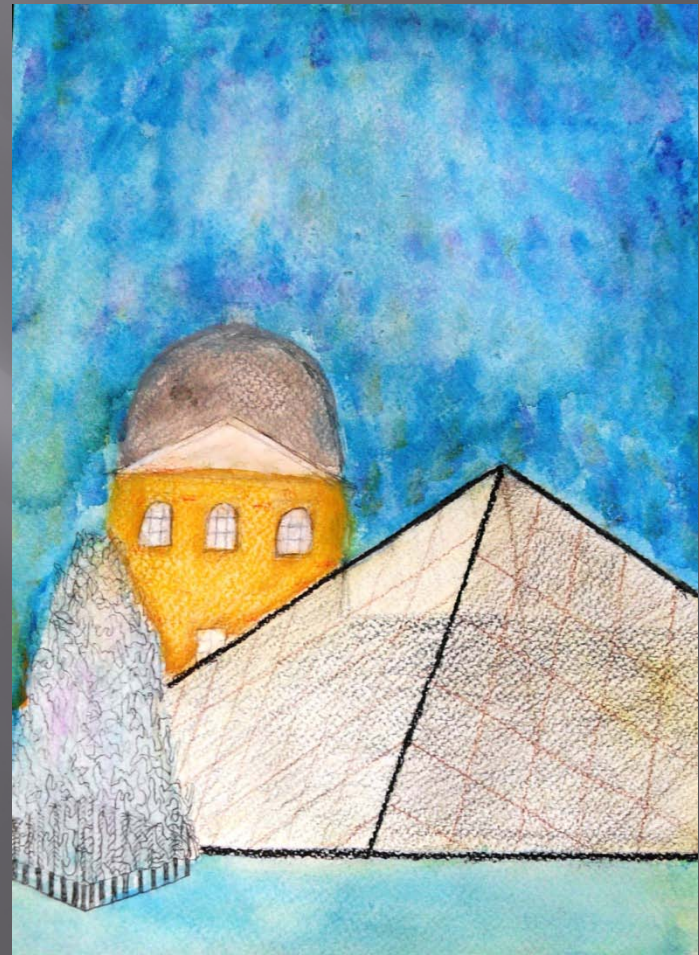


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“The Louvre is located in Paris, France. The place where the Louvre was built is thought to have been the site of a wolf kennel.

In the 12th century the Louvre’s construction was underway. It was originally a fortress to protect Paris from enemy invasion. Later it was used as a palace.

The Louvre was officially opened as a public museum on August 10th, 1793.”



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“One day I finally got my wish. My father was going on a business trip to London and asked if I would like to come along. Of course I said yes, but begged him to take a day trip to Paris.

In London we saw Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, the London Eye, the Tower of London, the National Portrait gallery, and Trafalgar Square. London was a lot of fun.

But I still wanted to see Paris and more specifically the Louvre.”



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“On our last day in London my Father asked, ‘So you still want to go to Paris?’

The plan was to take a quick tour of the city ending at the Louvre. We saw the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, The Arch de Triumph, had a great meal, and we were headed to the Louvre.

When we finally arrived at the Louvre, I couldn't believe it. The greatest museum in the world was right in front of me. The only problem was that my Father and I had spent so much time sightseeing in Paris, we had lost track of time.

The Louvre was closing in 5 minutes!!!!”

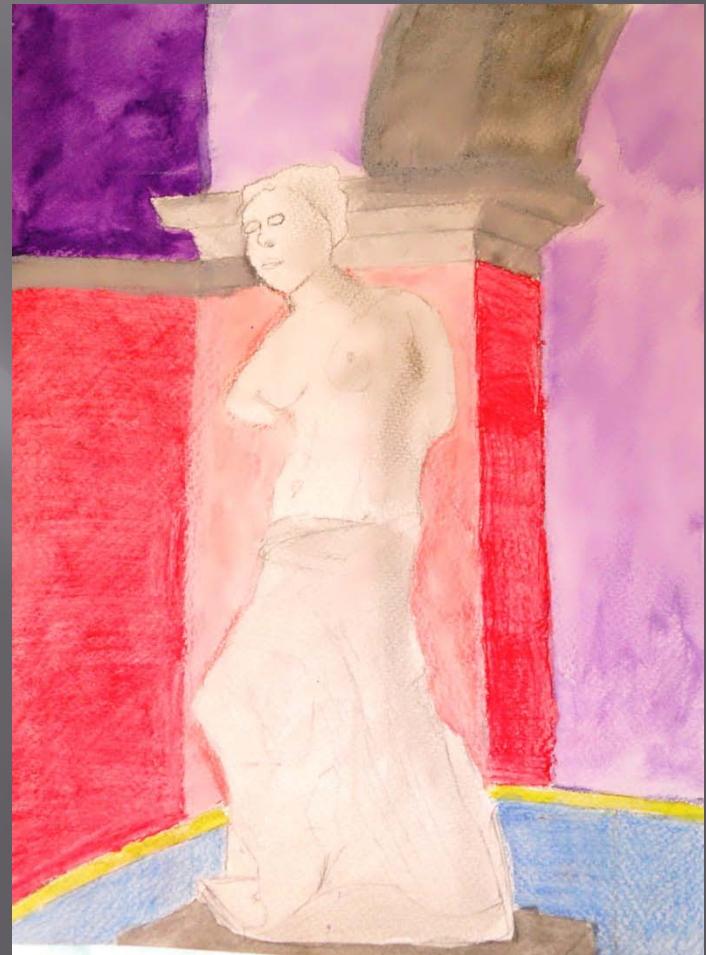


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“I had to think fast. What were the three art works I had to see? I’ve got it! I want to see the Venus de Milo, the Mona Lisa, and the Nike of Samothrace.

We raced through the entrance, bought our tickets, and frantically located the first artwork.

The Venus De Milo is a larger than life statue. Her pose is relaxed and life-like. She towered above the crowds of people viewing her.”



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“Next we hurried through the throngs of people to the Nike of Samothrace.

Although the head and arms are missing, the statue has a powerful presence.

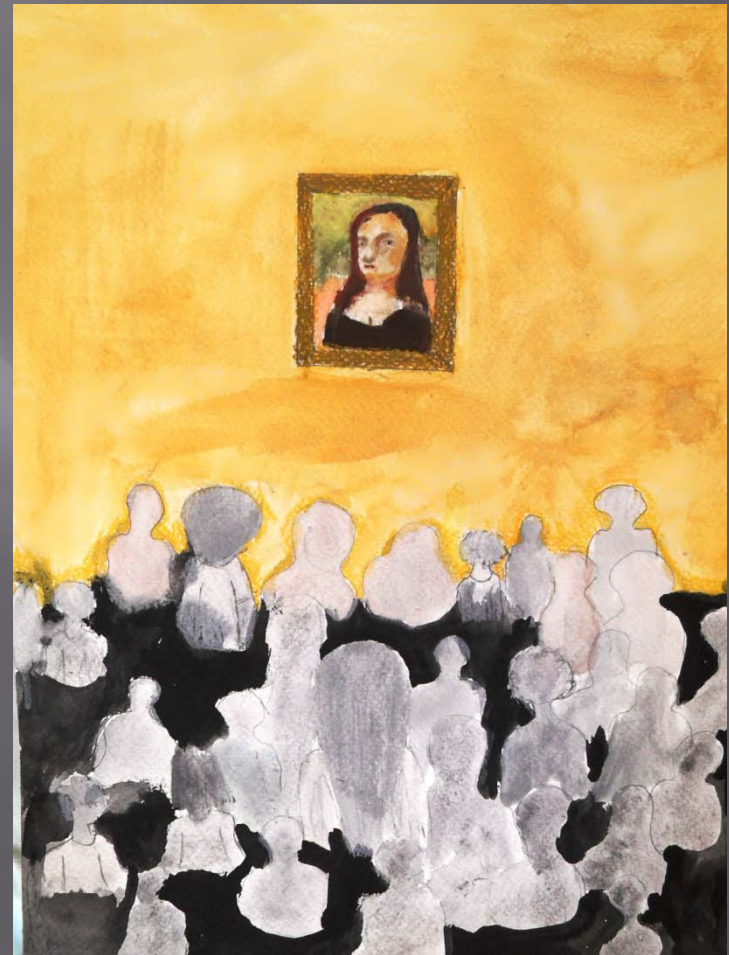
The statue is so balanced, it appears to be descending and landing lightly upon the pedestal.”



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“The final artwork I wanted to see was Leonardo da Vinci’s, Mona Lisa. I was shocked by the size.

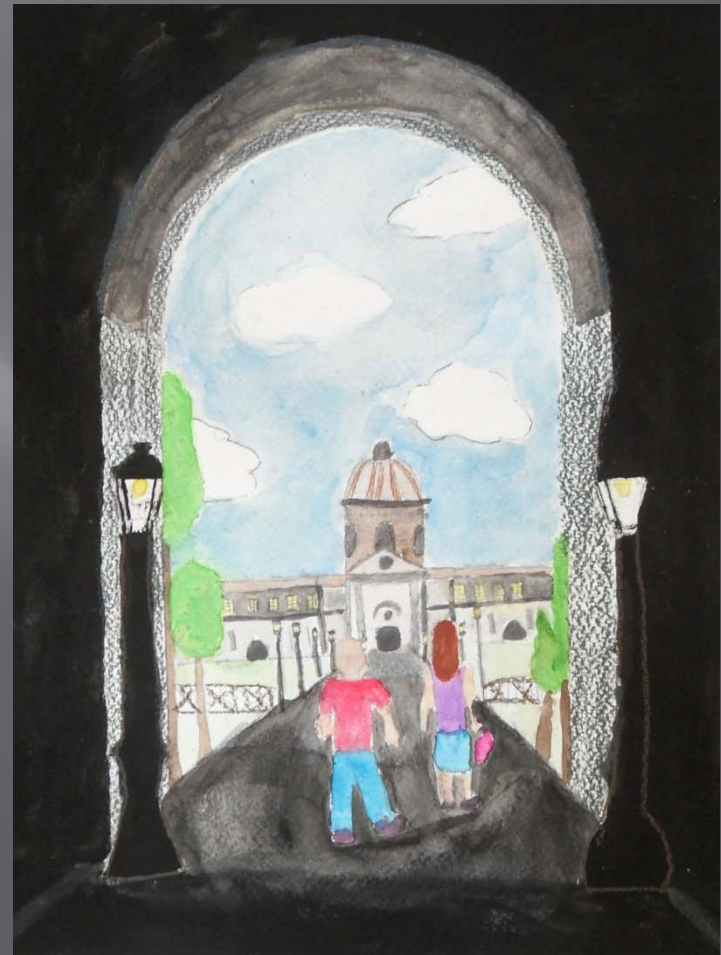
One of the most famous paintings in history and it was so small. You couldn’t get very close to it either because it was protected by a sheet of bullet proof glass.”



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“That was it. The Louvre was closing and we had to leave.

What a great experience this has been!”



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“I spent the entire flight home looking at all the pictures I had taken and reliving the trip in my mind.

What great memories I’ll have!”



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“When I returned to school my art teacher wanted me to show the class all of my pictures and relay all of my wonderful experiences with the class.

Everyone was so jealous.”

