

Minoru Yasui Student Contest 2027 Rubric

Contest Prompt: Words contain power. Words can inspire change, motivate people to action, and influence emotions. Minoru Yasui used his voice to make a difference. Select a specific quote from Minoru Yasui that you find impactful. Create a piece of visual art that brings your selected quote to life. Then, using your own powerful words, write an artist statement describing your piece and telling why that quote resonated with you.

Criteria: Through a visual art piece (painting, photographs, drawing or mixed materials), express your opinion about the prompt. AI-generated art forms are not permitted. The recorded or written artist's statement (300 words maximum) should address the following: describe your art piece and make a clear connection to the quote you selected, describe how the quote resonated with you, and how it ties to Min's legacy of justice.

	Excellent	Average	Inadequate	Points Awarded
Artwork				
Creativity and originality - how well the art piece expresses its message in a unique way. (Max points = 50)	Artwork demonstrates a high level of creativity and originality. Art clearly communicates artists' purpose, and excellent execution of mediums. (34-50 points)	Artwork demonstrates a sufficient level of creativity and originality. Art communicates artists' purpose and sufficient execution of medium. (17-33 points)	Artwork has limited creativity and originality. Art is used to communicate purpose, but insufficient. (0-16 points)	
Artist's Statement				
Addresses all components of the prompt: - A quote from Minoru Yasui - A description of why the quote is impactful (Max points = 30)	Fully addresses all components of the prompt and how this is demonstrated in the artwork. Statement is well-crafted and thought-provoking. (21-30 points)	Addresses all components of the prompt but may be lacking details/ depth in how this is demonstrated in the artwork. Statement is well-crafted and interesting. (11-20 points)	Does not address all components of the prompt. Statement is not well developed. (0-10 points)	
Connects the art piece/message to Minoru Yasui's legacy of justice. (Max points = 20)	Shows critical thinking connecting Min's legacy to art/ art's message. (14-20 points)	Addresses Min's legacy at a basic level. (7-13 points)	Does not address Min's legacy or connection is very unclear. (0-6 points)	
Total Points (Max points = 100)				