



My Artwork Evaluation



Firstly, think of a name for your piece of art:

Alan Bean called his 'The Source of Intelligent Life'. Why do you think he called it this? I wonder if it's because Earth is the only planet that is proven to be able to support human life. What makes your planet stand out? Could the name for your artwork highlight this?

Please insert a picture of your artwork into this space (you can delete this text!)

When Alan Bean created 'The Source of Intelligent Life' he wrote this to accompany the piece:



Painting Completed July 2006
18 5/16 x 24 inches,
Textured Acrylic with
Moondust on Masonite

As I looked at our beautiful planet Earth from our small Command Module windows, I thought of all the humans that were out there living their lives on that little blue and white ball. It just did not seem possible that the tens of thousands of people I had seen at sporting events and on TV and at shopping malls and driving around in their cars, much less the 6.4 billion that are alive on our planet right now, could really be hanging on to that tiny sphere so that they wouldn't fly off into outer space.

As we look at my painting we can see the west coast of Africa to the right just turning into night. And to think, most scientists now believe that all of us humans are direct descendants of a single woman in Africa several hundred thousand years ago. Even those as far away as South America which we can see just coming over the western horizon. Her descendents have journeyed far from Africa to make their homes all over our planet. Her offspring have created the modern world, and all that we have now.

I'll bet during her probably brief and difficult and dangerous life she looked up at the brightest light in the night sky and wondered what it was, never imagining that her children might visit there someday. My guess is that she thanked her lucky stars for that soft bright moon light as it helped her avoid the wild animals and human predators that inhabited her difficult and dangerous world.

It describes his motivation for creating the artwork and also what he wants viewers to consider when they look at his painting.

Can you write a few sentences to describe your motivation for creating your artwork? Remember to be creative here, this is a planet that you discovered (☺)

Now think about what you want viewers to consider when they look at your painting. Can you write a couple of sentences about that too?

Now it's time to consider your successes and challenges!

Write a couple of sentences about things that you thought worked particularly well or were particularly effective:

If you were to create a similar piece of artwork again, what would you do differently and why?
