

How to Ace High-Stakes Tests Visual Arts

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Amy successful
in executing
something “as
high as her heart
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(quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson)

STANDARD KNOWLEDGE

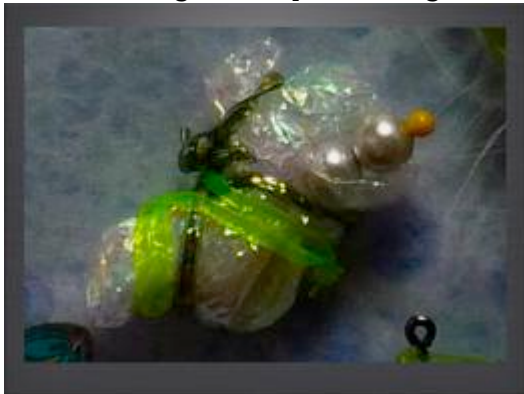
Creating a piece of art gives us its own kind of demonstration about a topic that cannot be gleaned in any other way.

The different things our brains can be called states of mind. States of mind include to think, feel, imagine, dream, consider, decide, etc. To *imagine* is to form a mental image of something that has not existed before. One can *realize* an imagination by making that thing real to oneself and others. see dictionary.com

QUESTION

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: “In art, the hand can never execute anything higher than the heart can imagine.” [brainy quote.com] Look at the following Keynote about Annie’s and Amy’s Imaginings of opals. In it, Amy imagined what was in Annie’s heart when she talked about the opals - that the loss was about more than just of their worth (although that affected the family considerably), but also of their rarity and beauty, and their scintillating prisms of all colors in contrast to the gore and darkness and grayness of her life on board.

Look at Image X: [note Image Y - real opals]



In what ways is this like real opals? List two things.
In what ways is this unlike real opals? List two things.
Was or was not Amy successful in executing something “as high as her heart could imagine” ? Defend.