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Comfort

My art teacher Prof. Shay setup a few pillows on the wall along with a paper airplane and rope. We then were asked to draw what was in front of us. The requirements were that the drawing had to touch at least 3 sides of the paper. The process I went with was to first decide what part of the entire image I wanted to draw. I chose to do more towards the right because I wanted to capture the full paper airplane. I first started out by drawing the outlines of the pillows. Then, I made sure to place the rope around the pillows so that it looked like the rope was grasping them. Lastly, I went in and shaded all the areas where the pillows creased, the shadows of the rope, and the shadows of the airplane.

The biggest strength in this piece is the paper airplane. It has the most crisp lines and shading techniques. The shape of the airplane also makes it look like it's coming off the page. The next strength is the rope. The contrast on the different parts of the rope really help it look like its wrapping around the pillows. A weakness in this piece is some of the shading done to the pillows. Some of the pillows look really strong and detailed correctly. The lines on the pillows towards the bottom have less of an impact. The contrast of the pillows towards the bottom also have less contrast than the upper pillows.

This work really showed me I could do things I didn't think I would be able to do. This drawing seemed very difficult when I started and I had never really done much shading. Once I started to see it coming together, I actually enjoyed doing this drawing. My teacher inspired me to do this work. He made this project fun and different by adding different elements to the piece on the wall. The paper airplane was my favorite addition. Paul Lung, a contemporary artist, creates amazing pencil drawings. That is where I get my inspiration from as well. He also rarely uses an eraser and this is very inspirational because I strive to be able to do that as well.

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