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T-Shirt

My t-shirt was inspired by current events that recently transpired. I wanted this shirt to symbolize not only how society views me, but how I view myself because my perception of me is also very important. The basic background of my t-shirt was a green, purple and blue circle design tie dye. The color purple symbolizes luxury, mystery and spirituality. The color blue symbolizes trust and intelligence. Green symbolizes wealth, nature, growth and stability. Together it creates a color wheel of seeping emotions and it shows that I myself see it blue as sadness, purple as the panic and green as the color that calms the wave.

On the left side of my t-shirt I created a dripping red heart and on the inside it reads “tender”, meaning I have a *tender heart*. I’m a very *compassionate* person and that heart symbolizes how easy it is for me to feel compassionate for others. It’s negative side effect is how easily I let others manipulate and take advantage of that kindness. On the right side of the shirt I drew a turtle and the turtle just symbolizes how *slow* I can be at times, but if I’m thinking clearly I can sometimes act on *impulsivity*. Turtles are also one of my favorite reptiles. The middle of the shirt contains a black shaded butterfly with the phrase that reads “*Love me please? (Hopeless romantic)*”, I recently went through a really bad break up and I was also hospitalized for reasons that are difficult to share and although I got inspiration from liking Harry Styles, that phrase explains that I just want someone to love me. Not only romantically, but platonically. I want to be loved, I want to feel loved and I want to love. On the right side of my shirt I just added a drawing of a sea goat because my zodiac sign is a *Capricorn*. On the bottom left side I drew a little stick figure type person to represent that I am a *homebody*. I’m *introverted* and I love being home. I have the words *Strong, Stubborn, Family, and Traditional* scattered all over. Each means that I am a strong person and any obstacle that comes my way I can definitely handle it. Society sees me as a stubborn person and I know I can be. I am a traditionalist who enjoys being with my family because I care very deeply for them.

The back of my shirt I made was a bit different. The drawing I created in the middle with blue, purple and green paint symbolizes *divine femininity*. In some way I wanted to describe that without having to write it out. It’s a line drawing of a woman holding a butterfly being seen in the sky surrounded by stars. At the bottom of the drawing I wrote, “*I am strong, I am love, I am intelligent, I am woman.*” The poem underneath is inspired by one of Frida Kahlo's poems. That poem means I’m finally taking what’s rightfully mine and becoming the woman I deserve to be. At the bottom of the shirt I wrote a small prayer that reads, “*Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my Soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my Soul to take.*” I am catholic so I decided to add a prayer that most children would say at night because it gave them comfort. To me I find that prayer very comforting as well.

Overall my shirt is imperfect just like me. I’m not perfect and I have my flaws. I wrote down or I drew everything I possibly could do and anything my mind was capable of doing. In

the end I was left with a beautiful piece of artwork. I probably won't wear it, but I'm glad I was able to participate in this project.