

The Impact of Life on Art

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For my Honors Day submission, I will be researching the art in Alma, MI and what inspired such pieces to fruition. I will focus on the year 1900, and how artists were impacted and inspired by the times to create their artwork. The central question for my research is "Why was art created at this certain time; what inspired the artists?". The goal of this research is to find meaning within art — whether it be paintings, theater, sculptures, or architecture — and to discover how events during 1900 impacted people and how they were expressed. I plan to use primary and secondary resources for my research material, including, but not limited to, issues of the *Alma Record* and *The Almanian* from 1900. My research is in progress, however I plan to find a variety of interesting stories behind various works of art, as well as proving that life affects art more than art affects life.