

Piece #1: One of the most popular things in the world is food and in that category is restaurants. One of the most successful restaurants is the chain restaurant McDonald's. I choose McDonald's as what I want to portray because it is a very popular fast food chain restaurant in the world. The reasons that it's so popular is because of three things; Consistency, Innovation, and Resiliency. To start It doesn't matter if you're visiting a McDonald's in California or Connecticut, America or Australia – you're going to have a similar experience wherever you are. Customers know what to expect and can rely on that knowledge when making a decision on where to eat. Another thing is Innovation; stemming from responsiveness to customers and franchisees has played a big role in McDonald's fending off stalling over the years. Staying current in today's world is near impossible for most but for many years now McDonald's has done it. These innovations to stay current include their food, marketing, and culture all being updated and changed throughout the years. But perhaps the biggest reason McDonald's has been a success for so long is its ability to survive the news and people. Though the trajectory for McDonald's popularity has been primarily upward throughout its existence, the company has had to weather several challenges and controversies throughout its many years. McDonald's has had many lawsuits directed at them for various issues, and has been the subject of a large amount of negative press but has survived to still be one of the most popular restaurants. Because of these three reasons is why McDonald's is so popular and why I decided to portray them. Also for this art piece I had to choose types of candies that will be used to portray the final picture. For these candies I chose ones that are very popular in the US just like McDonald's. I chose to use Skittles, Jelly Beans, and M&Ms to make the final picture. These candies are some of the favorites due to the sales of each over the past 5 years. Each one of the art pieces that I'm doing has a viewpoint and this piece is taking something that is very popular and portraying another item that is also very popular.



Piece #2: For the second piece that I'm making I want to depict something that is bad/unpopular in the U.S. A major issue today is gun control in the U.S. Because of this problem today I decided to depict a gun over an American flag. Also because this is something bad/unpopular I'm using unpopular candies to depict this image. The candies I'm using include Bland bubble gum, smarties, and licorice. I'm using this unpopular candy to show that the gun control situation in America is bad and hopefully gets a solution. In most developed countries of the world, gun control is strict and uncontroversial. In others it is a fraught political issue, pitting those who regard it as necessary for public safety against those who view it as a dangerous infringement of their personal liberty. Nowhere in the world is gun control more controversial than in the United States, where gun possession is constitutionally protected but where murders (including mass murders) are committed with guns are extremely common, the United States has by far the highest "homicide by firearm" rate among developed countries. People who support increased gun control in the United States argue that limiting access to guns will save lives and reduce crime. Others insist that it would actually do the opposite by preventing law-abiding citizens from defending themselves against armed criminals. The gun-control debate in the United States also necessarily concerns the proper interpretation of the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. People who believe in more gun control say that we need to remove and/or change the 2nd amendment because it is outdated and does not apply to this day and age, whereas the opposite side says that the 2nd amendment is fine and so is the law on gun control. This scary yet real topic of gun control is my bases for my second piece because of the unpopularity of it all and how it is something that we all with could be resolved.



Piece #3: For my third piece I'm depicting an debated topic in the world today. Because this topic is debated I'm using a mix between both popular and unpopular candies. I'm using the same candies that I used before that include: Skittles, Jelly Beans, and M&Ms along with Bland bubble gum, smarties, and licorice. The topic of debate that I'm portraying is global warming. Global warming is a very highly debated topic in the world and to differing viewpoints on the subject and different opinions I'm using different candies. The image that I'm depicting is the globe that is half on fire and half perfectly fine. This shows the two sides on the debate and what each side believes. The pro side argues rising levels of atmospheric greenhouse gases are a direct result of human activities such as burning fossil fuels, and that these increases are causing significant and increasingly severe climate changes including global warming, loss of sea ice, sea level rise, stronger storms, and more droughts. They say that immediate international action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is necessary to prevent dire climate changes. The con side argues human-generated greenhouse gas emissions are too small to substantially change the earth's climate and that the planet is capable of absorbing those increases. They contend that warming over the 20th century resulted primarily from natural processes such as fluctuations in the sun's heat and ocean currents. They say the theory of "human-caused global climate change" is based on questionable measurements, faulty climate models, and misleading science. This highly debated topic is my reasoning behind choosing it to depict with candy that is both popular and unpopular.

