

## Creativity Awareness

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A stereotype is sweeping across the nation. People everywhere are judging this group without fully understanding what it means and, that they too are most likely part of it. No, I'm not talking about gay rights. Do you think that I'm talking about the poor? Guess again. I'm not even talking about the civil rights movement or racial equality. I am here to speak the truth about those who use creativity.

Imagine some of the most creative people you know. Someone instantly comes to mind right? Was it your art teacher, the incredibly good artist? Or was it your classmate who has always had a knack for playing musical instruments. Maybe it was your fashionable friend that is always dressing in new ways that nobody else has tried before. While people like this tend to be known for their creative personalities, we often forget that even the most mundane people use creativity on a daily basis.

I believe that creativity means finding an efficient solution to a problem. People who have trouble showing their deepest feelings often fix this trouble by expressing themselves through art. This can include painting and music. Many don't realize that creativity goes passed the "artsy fartsy" type. When day to day struggles occur in a person's life, it is up to that person to fix it. With the perfect word choice, a crafty student can talk a teacher into extending a deadline when they have forgotten their homework. We have all had to fix a broken flip flop with duct tape when we don't have an extra pair on hand. While cooking a meal for a group of friends, a cook can slightly change a recipe when he realizes he doesn't have a certain ingredient. Even if they aren't pegged as a "creative person," you will find that almost all people will use their creative side on a daily basis to fix their problems.

One might not fully understand the role creativity plays in their life until they take a step back and imagine a life where they are lacking it. Think about something as simple as keeping your locker organized. Without any creativity, all of your binders would be in a jumbled mess with no order whatsoever. Not only would this make your life more difficult but it could also end up causing your grades to drop when you accidentally grab the wrong supplies for your class. Thankfully we have creative minds that can figure out the best ways to distinguish binders from one another and keep them in an order that makes them quick and easy to grab. There are countless other situations that occur in our lives that can be made easy with the use of just a little creativity.

The common misconception of creativity needs to end now! Americans should all be informed that everyone can be creative. Creativity is not just works of art or cool styles. It is imbedded into the brains of all people and can be used as a tool to help in everyday life. If we can spread the word about creativity, I believe more people will embrace their inner creative spunk.