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Hessah Alajaji  
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### Artist Statement

My passion for change defines my life. A traveler on a journey always looking for my next adventures, physically or mentally. Through art I am able to transcend beyond the limits of reality, society and the naked eye. My art is a direct reflection of my roots, culture and life journey.

It all started with an imaginative childhood, where I am always encouraged to utilize and create. I see the world as a repository of raw material I can use to create anything and everything. My travels only added to my curiosity, and exposed me to the various art forms; architecture, sculptures, paintings, and even window displays. Through each piece of art I encountered I felt like I was trying to decipher the artist's story.

Now it is time for me to tell my story. My pieces are based on my roots; my culture is embodied in stern traditions eclipsing of emotions and my life journey is reflected in my incorporation of contemporary techniques, and deviation from neutral colors. I think art is not just an element in someone's life; art is a chance to change someone's perspective about life. Each piece of my work tells a unique story about a phase of my life or an experience that changed me as a person. I take my ideas from understanding different cultures and different people I encounter in my daily life.