

## Students example of Personal Response and intentions

I chose to investigate this artist as I would like to focus on cells for my project. I would also like to work towards including the effects of illegal drugs on people's lives and the damage they create to the inside of the body over time.

I have an Aunty who has been poorly with mental illness since she was 13 years old and one of the reasons for this is that she made some very bad choices when she felt like she did not fit in with society and this caused her a lot of pain in her teenage years and very early on she turned to drugs. It started with cannabis and moved on over a short period of 3 years to Heroin. She is now 42 years old and has spent most of her life in hospitals and many years sectioned because of her mental illness which has been described as personality disorder. There is very little known about this illness and the most popular belief is that it is caused due to post traumatic stress.

She developed as a teenager using heavy and dangerous drugs which has taken her life away. This artist is relevant because he uses real facts and mixes them with his imagination to create pictures for both education and art. I would like to take drugs as an example of Beginnings and Endings. My Aunties life began with drugs and ended with illness. She thought it was the Beginning of happiness for her but it was the Beginning of a lot of pain that is probably never going to end. Other people's lives have had a lot of pain because of her illness and the grief never ends.

This Artist uses what cells really look like and I would like to use his pictures to help me communicate cell damage as a result of drug use.

His pictures look beautiful. The colours and patterns are very detailed but if you don't know much about biology you would think they are just pretty patterns. Its like in a doodle pattern colouring book that people use to relax while colouring in.