

Here is what the Teen Council has to say about the following:

Marli: Throughout history, the expression and acceptance of love has become a given, rather than a luxury. We live in an age when many get to love and have partners of their own choosing, and family isn't strictly based on genealogy. It's not exactly that the concept or feeling of love has changed, but that more people get to experience the beauty of it.

Camille: Love to me is the personal expression of affection and appreciation. My biggest influence is my family. Though they all express love in different ways, they've never failed to show me what love should feel like or how i should make others feel.

Bianca: Social customs have largely dictated the way different cultures express or interpret love. Love is used as the subject matter in art globally, with interpretations spanning from paintings, sculptures, and photographs. Art allows love to be expressed more abstractly, which is why it is readily used by all cultures to portray the emotion.

Safiya: Love is boundless and does not stop when faced with a variety of relationship types. Love exists in a multitude of forms, as shown in *Slow Shuffle* or the stele with Vishnu and Lakshmi. Platonic love can be illustrated within the intimate bonds you share with close friends like in the story of Lady Godiva's journey to the DMA. Communal love is shown in the headdress (D'mba), which gathers communities through many ceremonies. Motherly love, or familiar love, is displayed in the stone statue of Ganesha.

LOCAL SUPPORT



A collage titled "The Art of Love" featuring a central sunburst graphic and the words "The Art of Love" in various colorful, stylized fonts on a crumpled paper background.

Teen Gallery Guide designed by Teen Council

Love is unique!

This guide highlights artworks created to show different types of love: community togetherness, love for a location or place, familiar love and friendship, and romantic intimacy.

LEVEL 4



What is a cause you would fight for?
Who is your best friend and why?

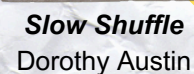


A wooden mask with a large, dark blue, fringed shawl draped over it, set against a light blue background. The mask has a prominent, elongated, and slightly curved nose. The shawl has a wide, dark blue collar and a long, fringed fringe. The entire figure is set against a light blue background with a black outline.

Headdress (D'mba)
Baga peoples



In this artwork, we see an intimate relationship between figures and their connection through the movement of dance. People often express love in different love languages—through acts of service, physical touch, words of affirmation, gifts, or quality time.



How do you express your love to others?
How do you wish others expressed love to you?



Stone Statue of Ganesha

Like Parvati, who are the motherly figures that have helped you along your journey?



Stele with Vishnu and Lakshmi

Is there a relationship
in your life that
brings you joy?



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