

Middle School Art, Second Place

Hope Between the Lines

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My art, titled *Hope Between the Lines*, is inspired by Celina Biniáz. In her testimony, she recalls that, in Plaszow, women who had been charged by the Nazis with the task of burning books illegally brought them to her and others in the barracks, instead.

I carefully hand-made nearly 150 books and other items of importance to Celina with little pieces of cardboard and paper and painted each one individually. In Celina's testimony, she stated, "I did enjoy reading tremendously. ... I enjoyed getting books as gifts." Her favorite was *Heidi*, and Celina dreamed of being like her, hence Heidi adorning the treetop. Like Heidi, Celina faced immense personal hardships and displacement as a young girl in the Holocaust, and despite her circumstances, she held onto hope and remained joyful.

