Artist's Statement Tell Someone

Kendall Cornell St. Anne School Laguna Niguel, California Survivor Oral Testimony by Ilse Diament

First Place, Middle School Art



Through texture and depth my painting depicts a scene of the horrible circumstances that haunt Holocaust survivor Ilse Diament. People who are about to be shot or are still alive in the mass graves are begging her to tell what happened to them.

Mrs. Diament described the process of arrival at the camps, how heads were shaved, and clothes were stripped from the people.

She states that it is her duty to tell people what happened during the Holocaust because the people who died cannot. This painting demonstrates Mrs. Diament's courage, strength, and determination to make known what happened.