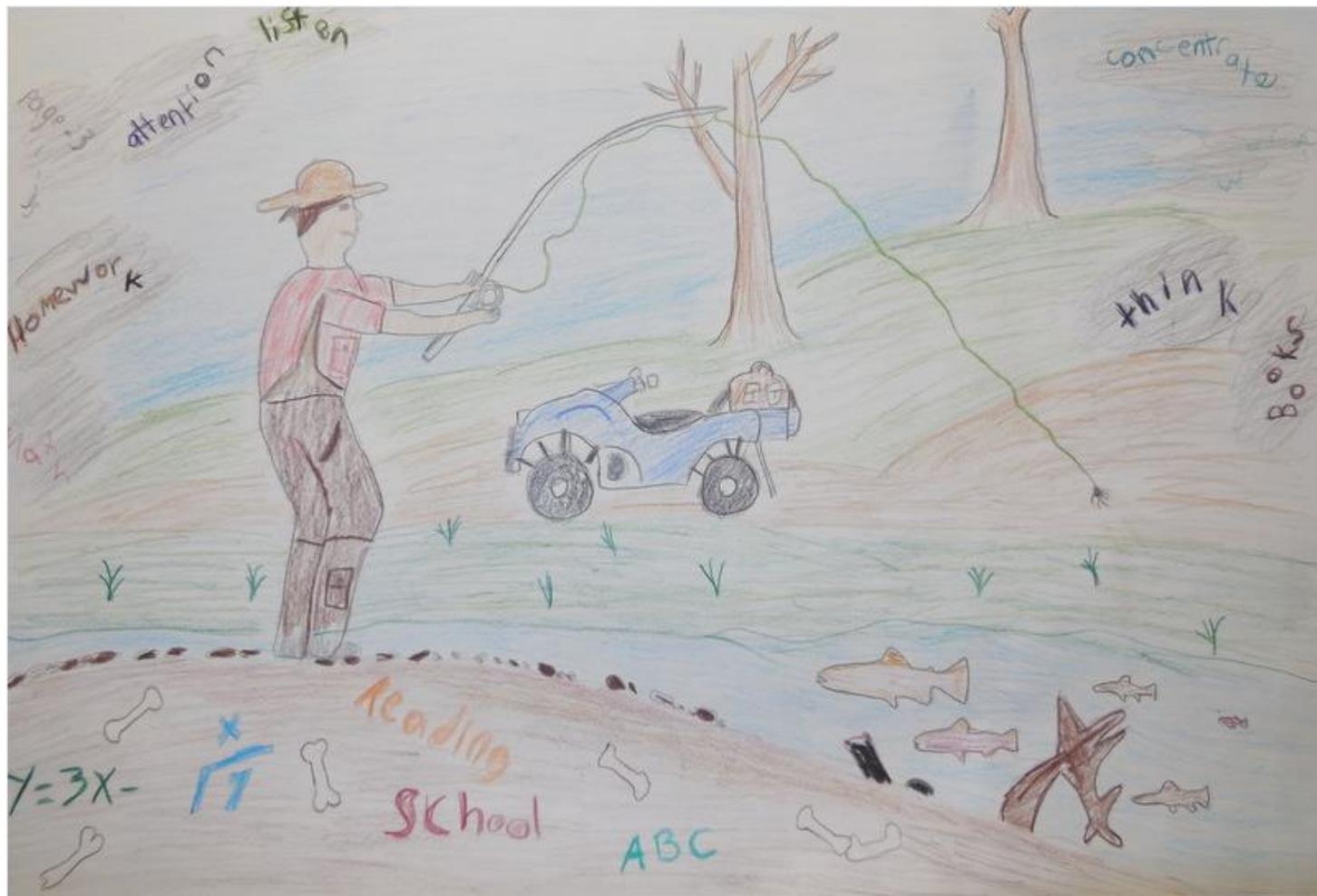


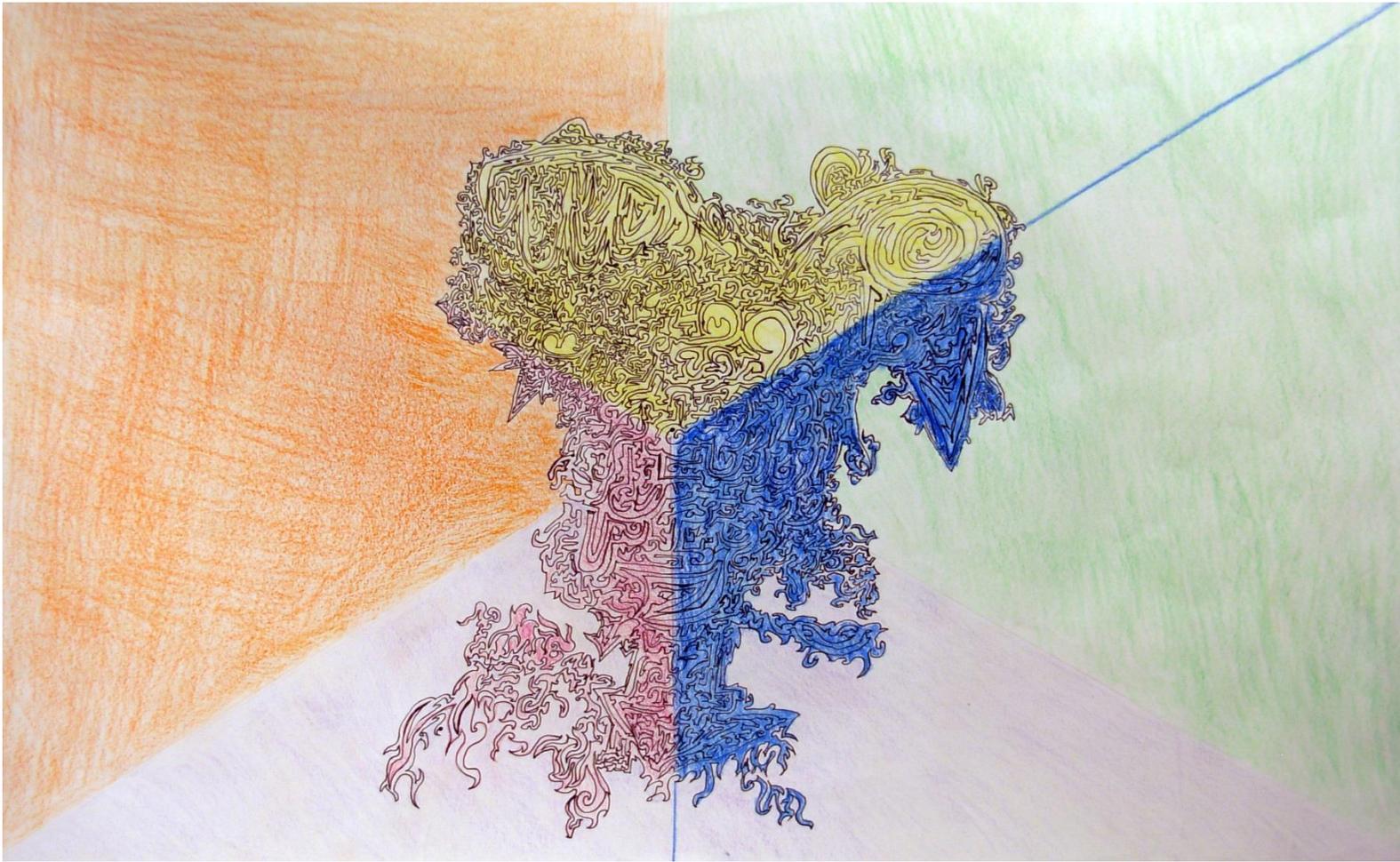


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For Grades 8 to 12



Connor, 14

Because it takes my brain longer to think about my work, it seems like everyone else at school is in fast forward all day. When I get home from school, my escape from dyslexia is the outdoors. I love to fish because it helps my brain relax after a long day. All of the things that frustrate me about dyslexia are buried in the ground or hiding in dark clouds while I am fishing.



Unmaze

Grace, 14

The maze itself represents my jumbled thoughts, which are one of the many side effects of my dyslexia. When looking at the maze some people see a bird taking off. If you turn the work upside down, the bird looks paralyzed. Each time someone tells me what they see in my maze, I make a story out of it. With the bird, my ideas wander and fly, but dyslexia makes trying to express them verbally like I'm walking through heavy, dense snow. Most people say it looks like a burning house, but I prefer to see the house as a representation of my dyslexia and the fire is my ability to cope with it.



Jenni, 14

Some people think that dyslexia comes from the eyes. It actually comes from the brain and is genetic. My drawing of the eye represents my dyslexia. Dyslexia effects my ability to read and write and learning to decode words will help me more than glasses.



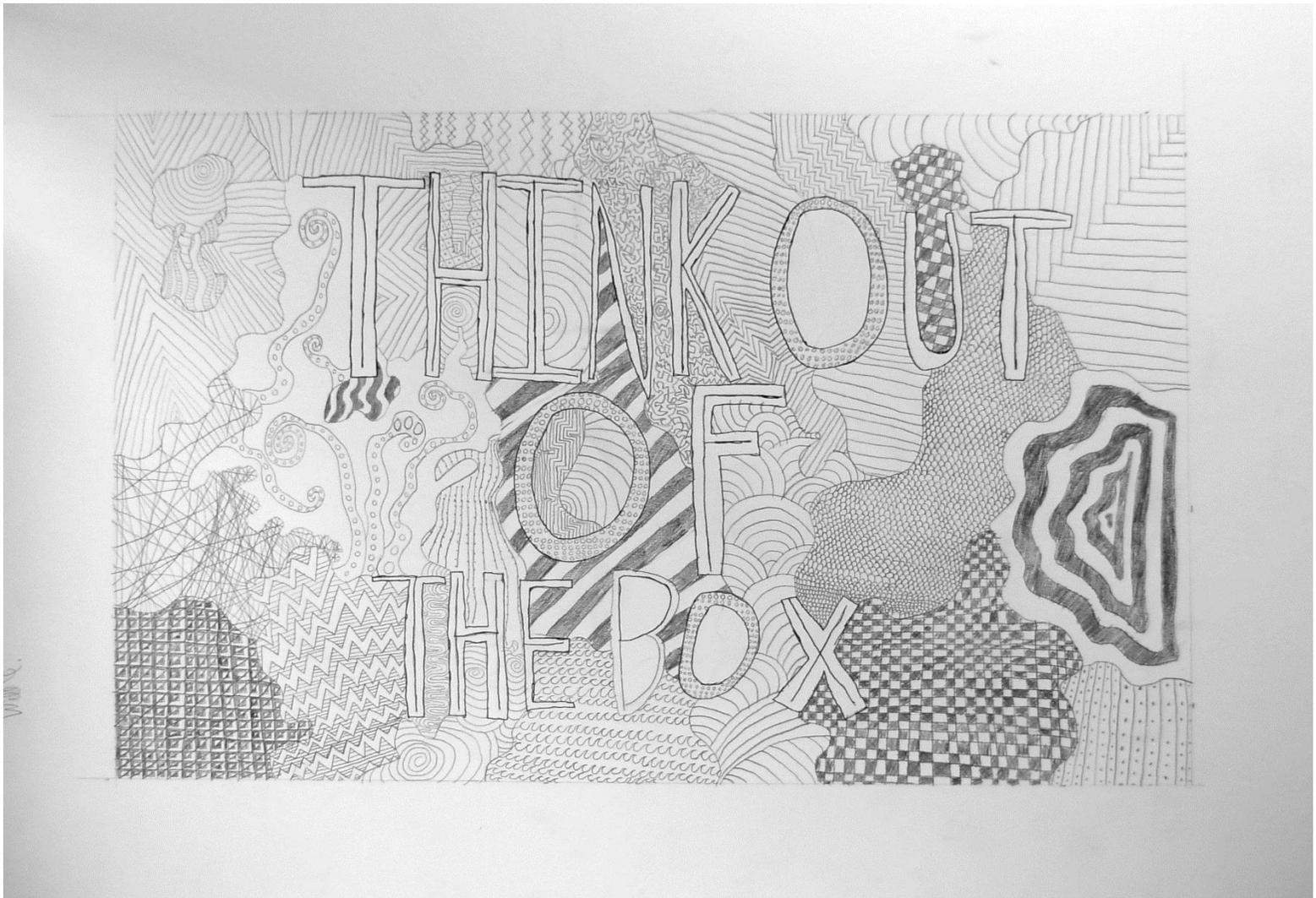
Noah, 14

Finger prints tell who you are, and who you are tells what you might be when you're grown. What if you have trouble learning? What might happen? What if you don't get help? You might not like learning which can effect what you might be when you grow up. So I know what I am meant to be because every finger print shows a little more me every time. Now I've been helped, I know what it is I want to be when I grow up, because you can never get somewhere without an education and ways to conquer my dyslexia.



Talon, 14

Dyslexia can be either a good thing or a bad thing depending on the situation. Dyslexia helps me come up with fantastic ideas, but I have trouble putting my thoughts on paper. I end up putting down something that is close, but is not exactly what I am thinking. This doesn't help my ideas or my grade. For example, if I want to write a sentence about bears like "Bears are majestic and spectacular animals." Instead, I would write, "Bears are cool and big." Writing like this cause me to feel disappointed. Sometimes I'm surprised by how hard it is to have a positive outcome when my dyslexia gets in the way.



Will, 14

My work shows my dyslexia because of all the random patterns illustrating the way my brain works. Also, the words on the page, "Think out of the box" tell how I think. The words also tell how I created this work.