Higher Art and Design Written Paper- Expressive Questions 3 and 4

In the written paper you will be asked to write about the two artists that you have studied in class. You have to study your artists and their work and be prepared to write about their style of work and influences. Part of the question will also include a quote or statement by an artist, writer or philosopher. You need to give your opinion about what you think the quote means by referring to the artists' work that you have studied. There will have a choice of two questions, (question 3 or 4); you should read both questions and choose the one you think most appealing.

This is much easier than it sounds! You have to be really imaginative and remember that there is no such thing as wrong answer when you are giving YOUR OPINION. Please read the quotes shown below and in the box write down what you think the quotes mean and what sort of things you could write about your artists' work. This will help you to prepare for the question paper.

Pablo Picasso

"Painting is just another way of keeping a diary"

What could this mean?
What sort of things could you say about your artists' work that could relate to this quote?
"Creativity takes courage." Henri Matisse
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"No great artist see things as they really are" Oscar Wilde
What could this mean?
What sort of things could you say about your artists' work that could relate to this quote?
"An artist can show things that other people are afraid to express"
What could this mean?
What sort of things could you say about your artists' work that could relate to this quote?

Helpful advice:

Please remember that the questions ask for YOUR opinion. It is important to explain what you think and feel as carefully as possible. The marker doesn't have to agree with you to award marks. If you don't write anything you won't be given any marks; it is much better to really use your imagination and to be confident to write a response.

Please make sure that you read the questions carefully and if you are unsure about the meaning it is important to attempt to answer the question rather than make no comment.