

YEAR 12 VISUAL ART
BODY OF WORK

Artist Statement

NAME

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TITLE

*Children of the
Night*

MATERIALS

*Mixed media:
drawing, graphite
and ink*

I've always had a fascination with mythical and folklore creatures. Whether they are real or not I'll leave that up to the viewer to decide. I wanted to create a series of artworks that show these creatures in all their cruelty and beauty at the same time and I feel I've done that to the best of my ability. I chose these four creatures (vampire, wendigo, griffin, siren) because they are all perceived in very different ways. Vampires are seen by some as alluring and seductive humanoids that thirst for blood but they can also be seen as vicious creatures that will stop at nothing to quench their thirst. Sirens are seen as beautiful mermaids until their seductive voice ends up being the downfall of all men that seek it out, only to be devoured a moment after their eyes witness the beauty of the woman before them. Griffins can be seen as loyal creatures but also as ferocious birds that can rip apart their pray in one go. And lastly Wendigos are spiritual forest creatures that represent selfishness but they also have a hunger for human flesh.