

Is creativity something you are born with, or is it something that you develop over time? When you are around a young child, you will find that they will draw for hours at a time. Children love to create things and to tell stories. They do not have the worldview yet to create complex art, but they do have the drive inside them telling them to be creative and to put those ideas out into the world. This is why I believe that everyone is born with a base amount of creativity. It is only human nature to want to sing, draw, dance, and create art. This is seen in kids every day. The world does two things to children as they age: it either stifles their creativity and puts them into a small box, or it expands their knowledge which allows them to thrive and utilize their base creativity to create things they could not have imagined as a child. I am an example of this, and so are you. One thing that you learn as you get older are the many different ways that creativity can be expressed. The outlets of creativity are found in almost every aspect of life, including but not limited to: video game design, dance, music, physical art such as paintings and photographs, engineering, fashion, and much more. There are some people who favor a certain outlet for creativity than others, but I believe that the source for all creativity comes from that base creativity that every person is born with. There are certain people that have been celebrated and remembered for their utilization and presentation of their creativity. Vincent Van Gogh, a famous painter; Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov, the choreographers of The Nutcracker Ballet; Lin Manuel-Miranda, the man who wrote the Broadway musical Hamilton; Leonardo Da Vinci, who among other accomplishments, engineered some of the first known flying devices for mankind. The list is endless and can be compiled using people that create all types of original ideas using their creativity. All of these people took the information that they had been handed throughout their life and transformed it using their creativity to create something entire new that the world had never seen before. That is what creativity is to me. Using the world around you as an inspiration, and then transforming that information with the unique voice inside you that drives your original, creative thought. That is why everyone should put an effort to expanding and using their creativity as much as possible. Just like a muscle in your body, the more you utilize and work your creativity the stronger and more expansive it becomes. Everyone's creativity is different and unique. Many times, the world is too critical for people to share their work and this is detrimental to creativity because everyone has different ideas. Just because the ideas are different from everyone else, this is not a bad thing. This should be celebrated. In conclusion, creativity is something that everyone is born with, it is something that can be applied to almost every aspect of life, you must use your creativity and it must be fed new knowledge to truly grow over time, and everyone has a unique sense of creativity that should be celebrated.

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