

Film Synopsis

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My concept statement is I'm exploring the feeling of sympathy through destruction. It was really difficult for me to come up with a good film idea that related to the concept statement in the beginning, but after talking to Mr. Taylor in the Walgreens line waiting for our meds, I finally decided on an idea. So my idea for my film is I'm going to be baking a cake. The destruction is in the ingredients. Smashing the egg, breaking the ice, crushing flour, and pouring sugar and mixing destructively and violently. But the outcome is a beautiful cake that shows sympathy. Through the destructiveness of violently pouring ingredients, a lovely cake was created. My experimental film is filmed in a lot of different angles to make it more cinematic. I want to try to show that I'm making the cake from scratch as best I can, even though I'm using a cake mix. This is because I need more destruction before the final sympathy. So I'm cracking an egg over the camera, crushing up rice grains to imitate flour, crushing/melting ice cubes for water, aggressively pouring sugar, trying to come up with creative ways of destruction in the ingredients. When I film, all the lights are off besides one bright flashlight to only show the cake in the film, and the whole thing is filmed on a black blanket to really emphasize just the cake itself, there's no other distractions in the background. When I put the cake in the oven, I catch it from three different angles, placing the camera inside and outside of the oven to make it more visually appealing. Also, aside from the music, you can hear the natural sounds of baking like the cracking of the egg, the water pouring, the mixing, the oven racks, etc. Those sounds add more to the effect and they're satisfying to listen to. I picked a red velvet cake for two reasons. After the first round of dailies feedback, my peers pointed out that the red color of the cake could symbolize sort of like blood, it's a color that relates to destruction, so it actually kind of suits the concept statement. Red velvet is also my favorite cake flavor, it was the only flavor I wanted to bake a cake in.