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Draft Due Date: _____

Passage Portfolio Component: Myself as a Artist

“How do you describe yourself as an artist?”

This component provides you with an opportunity to reflect upon your participation in the arts has been developed during your years at GCCS. Choose one form of art that you would like to reflect upon. Then choose one product of that art piece to reflect on your abilities and challenges as an artist with this piece.

In your 4-5 paragraph reflection, be sure to include:

- ✓ how the arts have played a role in your history at GCCS
- ✓ a brief summary of your chosen art form and your artistic product
- ✓ an explanation of your growth within this art form highlighting areas of strength and areas of challenge connected to character traits or Design Principles
- ✓ a brief reflection of your artistic goals and your appreciation of and readiness for the arts in the future.

Paragraph One: Introduction

As an arts-integrated school, we place a premium on your participation in the arts. Provide a brief narrative of your experience with the arts at GCCS to provide the reader some context to your selection of the one arts piece you will be showcasing.

Paragraph Two: The Arts & Their Products

It's so hard to choose just *one* of the arts that has influenced you. This ought to help: What products or evidence do you have of your growth and passion in the arts? Choose the ONE art field where you have a physical product people can see or hear. No reconstructed memories, please, you'll be sharing or demonstrating this one with the Passage Committee.

Be sure to describe the context for this product or piece. This should include:

- ✓ grade and expedition
- ✓ brief (one or two sentence) description of the expedition
- ✓ how the arts helped to support the content you were studying
- ✓ what new art skills you may have learned along the way

Paragraph Three: Strengths & Challenges

Describe how your artistic growth has connected to other traits (character or social). Using the piece you selected, explain how you improved in **two** aspects of the artistic skills needed to complete the piece. Make a connection to either a character trait or a Design Principle that emerged as you developed this skill. Also speak to **one** challenge you had and how you recognize it as an area for growth.

Paragraph Four: Conclusion - Applying the Arts

How might the arts play a role in your future? Even if you have no desire to be an artist, there are skills, habits, or insights gained from the arts that may shape your perspective in the future. Why might arts be an important part of your life and the life of our community?