

“A Mad Lib and Code-Riddled Manifesto About Artists in the 21st Century”

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ART IS A _____ (NOUN).

#Whether you learn the language of Python or _____ (insert another programming language),

#you learn the language of art first. Art is more than a

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List = [character for character in [feeling, experience, culture, and movement]]  
print(List)
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[feeling, experience, culture, and movement]
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#Art is a language and the artist is its speaker. When you first learn a language you learn the

_____ (insert a branch of linguistics). Anyone is capable of becoming fluent in their chosen

#language. Yet art is a language where fluency is beyond one's capability.

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num = art  
num2 = fluency  
print(num != num2)
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True
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#An artist must learn the skill of mimicry, not fluency. An artist must learn repetition, not

#comprehension. An artist must learn that art does not hold a native tongue, you are its tongue.

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Artist = 'fluent'
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SyntaxError: cannot assign to Artist
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#Can you ever forget a language once you've learned it? _____ (insert "No"). Are we ever really
#done with our own creations? _____ (insert "No"). Even when you think you've forgotten that
#part of your identity, muscle memory rests in your back pocket.

#But now you have two choices:

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print("Choices: 1. collaborate with artificial intelligence, 2. go against it")
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choice=int(input("enter a number (1,2):"))
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if choice ==1: print("initiate ownership ambiguity")
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elif choice ==2: print("continue to challenge societal norms")
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#Break down the binaries the same way you blurt "Mama" and "Dada," for they are your people.

#You cannot escape what created you; do not let what's in front of you catch your tongue.

#Ink rests in IDLE function, a pen awaiting one of two commands:

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print("Choices: 1. remember our influences, 2. forget them")
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choice=int(input("enter a number (1,2):"))
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if choice ==1: print("pick up the pen")
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elif choice ==2: print("low battery")
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#In the end, authorship is never bound to one.

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if you love me:
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print("adieu, adieu. remember me.")
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AN ARTIST IS A _____ (NOUN).