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1. 'My picture shows hope. It shows that even in the cold and snow, new life can sprout through. The small flower found its way up through the cold, heavy snow. When the flower found its way up, it had a nice warm sun to shine on it. There is hope for people in Canada just like the flower.' **PICTURE :**

2. 'Here is a photo I took of my sister holding a picture of my great great-grandfather William Joiner who bravely fought at Vimy Ridge. This year is the 100th anniversary of this great battle in Canadian History. We owe our freedom to these brave soldiers who fought in many wars. Today and our future may have been quite different if they had not fought for our country. This is why my vision of the future for myself and for all Canadians is to never forget the sacrifices of our soldiers.' **PICTURE :**

3. 'As this young Cree child dances to the beat of drums that were heard through our vast country hundreds of years ago, a shadow of a bird is created. This bird is perhaps a messenger of learning. Teaching me that as a young Canadian my future is full of hope and promise. Canadians that came before me helped lead the way for me to be safe, free and educated. It was their strength that has brought me my future. It is now my turn to carry on the traditions as well as learn new traditions as we welcome new Canadians and cultures to our land. I am a proud Canadian, hopeful for our next 150 years.' **PICTURE :**

4. 'Seeing as this year marks the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation, researching online led me to the tulip created especially for this year. As well, since the theme was a vision of the future I feel as though we have ways to go in the field of space exploration and innovation, as represented by the alien and the Canadarm. Green energy also plays a part, since climate change is an extremely important topic that will have to be dealt with in the years to come.' **PICTURE :**

5. 'The idea of not being discriminated while truly being yourself, and being accepted is possible in Canada. You can find people who speak different languages, and someone who has a totally different background but, everyone can celebrate Canada Day and other special events together as one. To represent unity, I painted people to look at the sunrise in the distance. As the train passes behind the earth and heads near the sun, it represents that the future of Canada is going to be bright and that all provinces will work together to make Canada a better place to live for everyone.' **PICTURE :**

6. 'There are many things about Canada that I love and that inspired me, but my biggest inspiration for this artwork was the people. Canada is a place where everyone is welcome, no matter their race, culture, belief, gender or physical appearance. Our differences make us stronger and better as a country, every individual has something good to contribute to Canada's success. The people make the future, and with a great population like Canada's my vision for the future could not be better.' **PICTURE :**