

## **Emotions Reflections**

### **1. ) What six emotions did you choose to depict? List them.**

Negative emotions:

- Plastic bottle on ground - emotion of neglect or ignored
- Skull and “think” chair - fear and dread
- Willow tree- gloom and sorrow

Positive emotions:

- Red flowers - love and sentiment
- Streaks of lights in car- ecstatic and thrill
- Yellow balloons on puddle - happiness and optimism

### **2.) What was most challenging about conveying emotions without including people in the photo?**

This is definitely one of the most challenging projects I've ever done. It was difficult to show emotion without humans as they are the best subject to use and can very easily convey emotion with facial expressions. I had issues trying to find certain scenes and subjects to take pictures of that can evoke emotion. I realize that colour is an important factor into determining a positive emotion from a negative emotion. Depicting a negative emotion was fairly easy in my experience. This may be because I was more inclined to find dull colours around, especially in this rainy, gloomy fall weather. However, because the weather was dull for most of the week, it was difficult to take bright and nice pictures to show more positive emotions. Bright coloured things and positive scenes in nature by itself were surprisingly hard to find. So, often times I had to stage the scene to convey the negative or positive emotion like adding a skull on a chair that had a writing, “think..” to symbolize fear or adding yellow balloons to represent happiness or optimism against a rainy background for contrast. I also had to make sure that the photographs' scene/ mood are somewhat recognizable or relatable to our lives and will stimulate a familiar emotion like red flowers being recognized as romantic and a love emotion or droplets of rain or puddles being sad or gloomy.

**3.) Pick one photo that you feel best depicts an emotion. Explain what is in the image and why you feel the photo depicts the chosen emotion. Be specific about the image and the reasons you feel this photo was successful?**



This photo of luminescent streaks of lights by the car's windows best depicts the emotion chosen for it. The emotion I chose is excited, ecstatic or thrilling. This image resembles a speedy car passing by bright lights of the city and that scene is often linked or reimagined to nightlife and its euphoric mood or feeling. I felt that this photo was successful because it reminds me of the exciting life in cities such as in Las Vegas where large luminescent lights cover the city at night. With the slight blur of the car and the stretched out streaks of lights, it shows the fast paced time in cities. It also stimulates vivid senses in a way, for example when people view this photo, they may familiarize with the sounds of the rushing car or the noise of a city, etc. Playing around with the camera's settings such as shutter speed, I was able to take this cool picture while travelling in a car. And with some luck on the timing, it captured this thrilling and exhilarating photograph with many different vividly coloured streaks of lights.