**QUESTION**: How does Navajo pottery reflect the spiritual and cultural values of the tribe?

**ACADEMIC SUBJECTS INVOLVED**: Art History, History, Sociology

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The project I have chosen is to learn basic ceramics and produce a full set of family tableware. I am interested in pottery and have never had space in my schedule to take a ceramics class. I am curious about the skills involved in creating the kind of pottery I admire. I will contact Briana Maley, a ceramic teacher at the Clay Arts Guild in Walnut Creek to be my mentor.

In my paper I hope to answer the question: How does the pottery produced by Navajos in the American Southwest reflect the spiritual and community values of the tribe? This topic will involve a great deal of library and museum research and interviews with specialists in both Navajo pottery and Native American culture.

This project will be challenging for me because I have never taken a studio art class, although I have long admired the pottery I have seen on family trips to Arizona and New Mexico. I will use knowledge from my sociology and AP Art History classes. The mentored project should involve about 40-50 hours of work and will cost about $150 for classes, materials, and transportation.

I hope this meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

Vivian Stanhope

(English Teacher: Mr. Ron Lewis, Period 1)

I approve the academic relevance of this paper: Yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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