

Simone Wilson, student at Healdsburg Middle School, responded to a visit from Vera Korkus through this painting and the following letter. Vera is a Shoah/Holocaust Survivor and past Survivor Project Board Member.



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Dear Vera Korkus,

The memories and thoughts that you shared with us last week touched and deeply moved me. To hear about the Holocaust from 1st person is an experience that I shall remember forever. Your story was an especially interesting and unique one, and I could have listened to you for the rest of the day!

When you and your friends ran away, I was shocked at your courage and will always admire you. I have an older friend that was in the Holocaust, but is too sad to talk about it. I think it's wonderful that you're able to share these horrible memories with young people.

I felt honored to give you my art work, and I hope you like it. Thank you so much for showing me that no matter how hard life gets, I should never feel sorry for myself. You had to go through too much and you have stood courageous throughout it all. I greatly admire you.

Sincerely,

Simone Wilson