



Illuminated Roots

This piece represents where my family is from, The Gambia, which is in West Africa. The main colors of this piece are red, blue, green, and white. The Blue represents the Gambia River, which is the main resource of the country and the basis for its name. The symbolic structures in blue represent the river as well. There are structures in red as well, which represent the sun. I used red because it symbolizes the sun and the equatorial position of The Gambia. Next, I utilized the green color which represents agriculture in the country, especially to help emphasize their most popular exports (peanuts, grains, citrus fruits, etc.). The peanuts are not green in this piece, but they do aid in the agricultural representation as they grow from the roots. The last main color is white, even though it seems that I am working with it simply as the background color, white actually separates the 3 aforementioned colors on the Gambian Flag (from top to bottom: red, white, blue, white, then green). The white represents unity and peace, it is separating the colors, but it is actually what holds all these aspects together. In the top right corner is the most significant symbol, this is the shape of The Gambia.