

## **Statement of Intent: Life-line\_Metaphor**

**State the metaphor**

**Discuss the meanings associated with this metaphor. Be thorough.**

**Discuss why this metaphor works for you.**

**Point out specific examples within the work and talk about them in relation to the collage and the metaphor.**

Do not use language of a student. Do not say things like, “in this project we were supposed to do...”

Write it as if you are showing it to someone in order to help them better understand your collage. Write it as a professional.

### **Example:**

This piece is designed to tell something about my life. The metaphor, life is an ocean, fits perfectly for me. Not only was I raised in Florida on a small lake, the city of Tampa is a port city making it difficult to travel anywhere without crossing or seeing water. The ocean is vast. It takes up more mass than land and has been the source of legends and fear throughout time. The ocean is teeming with life, much of it very alien to us land dwellers. At its depths it's dark, and the creatures who live there have adapted well to their environment. Many of the large mammals, like the whale and dolphin, are very smart seeming to be more like humans than we like to think.

Oceans reflect the sky, making them appear blue. They can be calm or wildly disrupted. Weather affects the ocean greatly, as does the cycles of the moon. Because water is a great conductor of things, sound travels differently in water than in air. This makes it possible for whales and dolphins to communicate with high pitched sounds. Even as oceans cover most of the planet, way more than land does, it is very fragile. The ocean can be polluted easily by human waste and chemicals. The animals living there are even more sensitive.

In my pieces I've included several pictures that relate to the vastness and fragility of the ocean. At the same time, these things have reminded me of my own fragile nature, both emotionally and physically. In particular, the image of...[you say what] suggests a time when...[ you say what]. Metaphors are a function of speech. They make communication more rich and expansive. At the same time, we think through metaphor. The ocean is a great one for me because it suggest depth and fragility at the same time.