Lesson 3

Hatching the Egg of Hope

Section 1

Summary

The artist Miyazaki Kensuke talks about his journey to find out who he is as an artist.

Miyazaki always loved ( painting ). In high school, he visited Belgium and painted on the street. He learned the power of art to bring people ( together ). After college, he went to London to become ( famous ). It didn’t work out. He didn’t fit in well with other artists. They were ( angry ) about social injustice; he wasn’t.

After two years, he decided to look for a different way to ( express ) himself.

Section 2

Summary

Miyazaki saw a TV program about ( poor ) children in Kenya. He felt an ( urge ) to go there and paint for them.

In 2006, he went to Kenya and found the school. He painted a ( dragon ) for the children. They thought it was too scary.

So he asked them, “What would *you* like me to paint?”

“Lions!” “Baobabs!”

After that, they painted ( together ), and the children were happy. That was a turning point. Creating ( happiness ) through painting in collaboration with others was his “thing.”

Section 3

Summary

Miyazaki went to ( Sendai ) after the Great East Japan Earthquake. Schools were closed. Children had nothing to do. Miyazaki and the children worked together to paint a ( school ). He also painted a ( barbershop ) in Ofunato

Were his art projects useful? Miyazaki is not sure. In a disaster, people need money and supplies. But art has power too. Sharing the joy of ( creation ) can help people laugh and smile.

In 2017, he went to Mariupol, ( Ukraine ), another disaster area. A war was going on.

Section 4

Summary

In Ukraine, Miyazaki worked with children to make a painting based on a story about a lost ( mitten ). All kinds of animals climb into the mitten to stay warm.

The painting shows a big mitten with Easter eggs. People from all over the world climb in. Their ( warm ) hearts hatch the egg of ( hope ) and bring ( peace ).

Miyazaki still has not found out who he is as an artist. But he has learned one thing. His art has the power to make people “super ( happy ).”