

Second Prize Art: Middle School Division

*Within the Broken Burden*

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Bertha Haberfeld tells how one day when she and her two sisters were close to starvation in a forced labor camp, a French prisoner of war brought hope into their lives. He gave Bertha an apple. That apple played a big part in Bertha's life because it was the last thing that she and her sisters held before they were separated. Inside the apple shows her strong, independent spirit, but around it are broken pieces that represent the memories that challenge her. They also represent the scars of her suffering. I illustrated this story to give hope to anyone in a hopeless situation because within a broken burden there is always hope.