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## Express Yourself: The Magical Impact of Arts on Teenagers' Emotions

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Schools and communities can promote the benefits of the arts for teenagers' emotional well-being by offering art programs, workshops, and performances. They can also create safe spaces where teenagers can express themselves creatively and provide access to mental health resources.
2. (Answers will vary) Example: Engaging in painting helped me cope with stress and anxiety during a challenging academic year. The act of painting allowed me to relax, focus on the present moment, and find solace in creativity.
3. Teenagers can strike a balance between pursuing creative activities and seeking appropriate support by recognizing that the arts are a complement to, not a replacement for, emotional support. They should feel encouraged to explore their passions while also being open to seeking help when needed.
4. Advice for a teenager interested in exploring the world of arts to enhance their emotional well-being would include trying different forms of creative expression, joining art clubs or groups, attending performances, and reaching out to teachers, counselors, or mental health professionals when facing emotional challenges.

