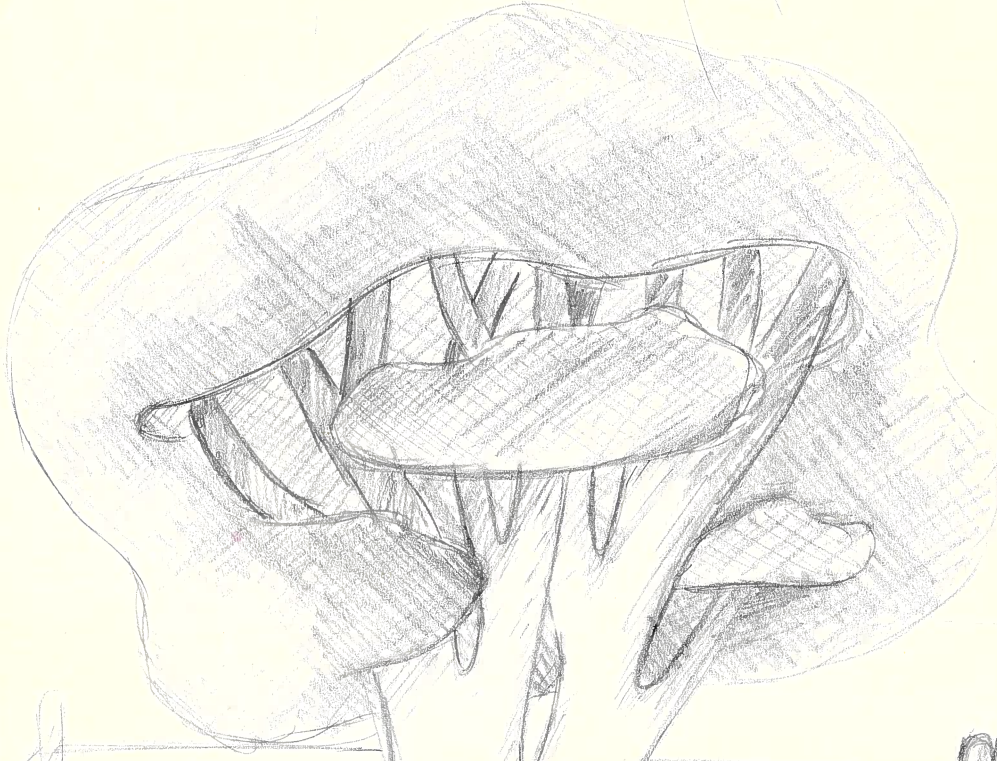


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ARE YOU
BEING QUIET
ABOUT
TREES?

WHERE ARE
OUR
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Literature circles for non-fiction
Tree drawing

My drawing is a tree that represents the Dutch criminals and prisons.

Firstly, let me tell you some things about the Dutch prison, Norgerhaven that I found interesting. Norgerhaven, which is in the north-east of the Netherlands allows the prisoners to carry small knives with them from the kitchen, if they hand in their passes. Secondly the prison treats and helps its prisoners if they have a problem. If a criminal there has a drug problem they will help them overcome it. If someone has anger problems, they will provide management classes. Providing these resources to the prisoners will help lower the return rate of the prisoners, which in 2016 was at 10%. Thirdly, the prison has a skype room so the prisoners may skype with loved ones instead of them coming down on an expensive trip.

Though providing such a rehabilitated prison experience does not make everyone happy. The rate of which crimes are recorded had shrunk by 25% in 2016. Which has led to concerns that that is the reason why so many of their prisons have shut down. With not enough prisoners in the prisons to keep afloat prison workers are always worried their job may be terminated.

So, when you look at the tree drawing you may understand it a bit better. The tree itself are the prisoners within the prison fence. The signs proclaiming wanting more trees are the townspeople wanting the recorded crime percentage to go up by actually recording them. Now with the trees in the back represent the prisons that had to be shut down. Withered and decayed. What you may not see if you do not think about it, are the positives of the tree. The tree has grown tall and healthy, which is cared for by the workers. Such as how the prison workers have provided possible solutions to prisoner's problems. With the sun shining above the leaves represent hope. Hope that the prisoners will get better and be able to function in society without concern. Lastly is trust. Trust is represented by the fence surrounding the tree. The tree is trusting the fence to keep angry or unstable townspeople out of it's area. For the prisoners, they are shown trust by the prison guards and workers allowing them to carry knives around the prison.

So yes, I may have drawn a tree which is a bit weird, but when you look at said tree hopefully you will see what I do. A tree surrounded by trust, care and hope just trying to grow roots to stand within hard times.

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Wow - THIS IS INCREDIBLY
DEEP + THOUGHTFUL - CAN
I KEEP AS AN EXAMPLE?

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