What is inspiration?

When starting this project, I chose the main title in consideration of my interests in art, English etc. Therefore I chose the question “What is inspiration?” Although it may seem like an innocent question, people opt for their own opinions, therefore leading to some quite interesting debates.

For example, “Inspiration VS. Plagiarism.” In art if you blatantly copy someone after seeing them, their work what would it be classified as? Person A who made the copy of the original artwork might state that they only drew the copy because they were so inspired. Yet Person B who believes that Person A’s artwork was actually an act of plagiarism might argue back saying that Person A who made the copy of the original artwork, posted on SNS with no credit to the original artist, has no right to claim that it was an act of pure inspiration. Thus because when posting on SNS he/she didn’t credit the original artist’s making the artwork seem completely out of Person A’s imagination—which it wasn’t. Who do you agree with? Throughout this project I will try to go deeper in depth with this debate.
Insiration

Plagiarism

When does inspiration actually turn into plagiarism? Would it be when you just kind of copy someone else's work or only when you just plainly use the copy+paste format (on the computer and 'real life'). I mean an example would be this project itself since it was inspired by an artist called 'HappyArtist' who is also a youtuber - she made a video on 'inspiration vs plagiarism' and I have decided to extend the topic. Of course, though, I have made sure not to watch the video until this project is over.

There are thousands of books with the same plot; that isn't plagiarism. There are many songs in different languages with the same tune and almost the same lyrics; that isn't plagiarism. Why? Because we assume that these people simply had the same ideas.
What does Google say about inspiration?

Google is one of the most frequently used browser on the internet so what does it say if you search "What is inspiration on it"? Well, first it comes up with the definition of the word "inspiration." A drawing of what the page looks like could be attached.

Then, it comes with more definitions, an entry for a website and also a blog by a guy named Jim. Not quite helpful in this case...? Let's look at Google's actual definition then. The process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something (the first definition). The second definition is a sudden brilliant or timely idea. The thing is it doesn't say anything about people so why do we assume that when one is inspired they are inspired by someone else? Why do humans believe that inspiration is normally something created by people? Oh no!, More questions and no answers—this is hard.
So, this is indeed the end; I have nothing else to show except my bad drawings. It was an experience doing this project although it only caused more questions (personally) for me to wonder about.

Bye,

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Google

Search: what is inspiration

Inspiration
/nəˈspərˌeɪʃən/
noun
- the process of being mentally stimulated to do or feel something, especially to do something creative.

"Helen had one of her flashes of inspiration."
Synonyms: creativity, inventiveness, innovation, innovativeness, ingenuity, imagination, imaginativeness, originality, individuality

A sudden brilliant or timely idea.
"then I had an inspiration" 
Synonyms: bright idea, brilliant idea, timely thought, revelation

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"You gotta capture the moment," they told me.
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