

**AP Art and Design ~ Summer Assignment**  
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**2021-2022**

**WHAT:** FIVE Idea Pages

**WHERE:** In your sketchbook

**WHEN:** Due the first Friday of the school year (8/13/21).

Happy summer, artists! It's time for you to start considering what theme you want to explore next year in AP Art and Design. What do you want to plunge into and **investigate** over the course of the year as you build your AP Portfolio?

In order to come to a decision on your theme, it is necessary to consider the following questions: What inspires you? What moves you to make art? What is important to you? Is there a mood or feeling that you want your work to convey? An issue you want to bring the world's attention to? Questions you want to explore answers to?

Maybe you are already in the habit of keeping a sketchbook to collect ideas, inspirational pictures and quotes, examples of paintings you love, drawings, thumb-nail sketches, doodles and whatever else puts you in touch with your creativity. If you aren't yet in the habit, TODAY IS THE DAY! Today you get to get started! Start thinking about possible themes for your area of sustained investigation and recording your ideas in your sketchbook.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- You must have a **minimum of FIVE "Idea Pages"**. You will be working on an additional five Idea Pages after we are back in the school swing of things! Feel free to come with more-- 5 is a minimum!
- Each of these pages should be fully covered sketchbook pages (**minimum 8"x10," one side of a page**).
- Whether you cover them by collaging, drawing, brainstorming, journaling, etc. is up to you. You may include digitally created work if it is printed out.
- Remember this is not five stand alone pieces or fully finished work - this is a collection of ideas, inspirations and sketches!
- Make it personal. You know yourself better than anyone does! And through this process, hopefully you will get to know yourself even better.
- ALTERNATIVE OPTION FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE TAKEN INDEPENDENT PORTFOLIO:** Instead of the idea pages you may focus your brainstorming on your new theme. You may create **three thumbnails** for your sustained investigation, or **begin your first piece**.

**This list contains some ideas to get you started. You are not limited to these ideas, nor do you need to do them all, they are just to start your creative thinking...**

- Things about life and the world that you find yourself thinking about
- Color schemes that portray mood or feeling you want to express
- Pictures from magazines and catalogues/internet
- Photos you take and print out
- Photos your friends take and print out
- Old family photos
- Paint swatches
- Pressed flowers
- Glitter!
- Patterns, shapes
- Tape something from nature, like a leaf, into your sketchbook and draw it
- Inspirational words or quotes
- Stickers
- Thumbnail drawings
- Parts of old homework
- Origami
- Snippets/pieces of old artwork
- Drawings of album covers
- Examples of artists' work you admire
- Fabric, wrapping paper
- Doodle! Sketch! Draw!
- Notes, lists, thoughts
- Poetry, song lyrics
- Quotes or lines from books
- Movies, Books, TV shows
- Musicians
- Postcards
- Ticket stubs from inspiring experiences
- Maps
- Designing characters
- Fashion designs

***I strongly suggest that you practice drawing from LIFE, too!***

- Draw the human figure:
- Draw your family members, while they're posing for you (not from a photo!!!!!!)
- Draw other things from life, like props you set up or parts of your bedroom.... The idea is to practice drawing from what you see, and from what is meaningful to you!

HAVE FUN !!! SEE YOU IN AUGUST :)