

Summer Assignment 2021

Continuing to make artwork over the summer is an important part of preparing for our AP Art class in the fall. The work you do this summer will make the work you do in the fall easier and more enjoyable.

1. Work on your figure drawing. If you can draw people accurately, you can draw anything. Make at least ten drawn figure studies, using graphite on paper. (Not digital.) You can draw people from real life or use an online resource for poses. (<https://line-of-action.com> is a great resource for this. They have a library of timed poses, searchable by gender, age, etc. <https://quickposes.com/> does too.) The ten figures can be on one large piece of paper, or several sheets. Each one should take about 10 min each. Don't worry about the composition. Do NOT stylize your figure. Draw as accurately as you can.
2. Spend some time watching Art21 videos on artists. You can search by theme here: <https://art21.org/playlists/> or search through an index of artists. Watch at least three video clips or as many as you need until you find an artist you are excited about. (My favorite is the one on Nick Cave...) Send me an email about who you saw and what you liked about the artist. lbartone@tamdistrict.org
3. Make one drawing or painting (at least 9" x 12" but bigger is better) of a collection of objects that shows us something about you as an artist. It could be the ingredients to your favorite dish, or the contents of your sock drawer. It could be whatever is in your backpack, a pile of your garbage –anything! Be as expressive or stylized as you want. Use any materials you find relevant. We will use these for class introductions in August.

Bring items 1 and 3 to the first day of class in the Fall Semester. All three items are worth 12 points each. Let me know if you need supplies or help of any kind. I will be available by email all summer.

Helpful Hints:

–See as much art in person as you can! Write down the details of what you are interested in your sketchbook. Sketch copies as a way to help you understand what you are looking at. Go to SFMOMA. It's close by in San Francisco and is FREE for students. Or any of the other dozen local museums. Many museums are open virtually too. You can "visit" almost any museum in the world online now. (Think, the Louvre, The Prado, The Uffizi, the Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City, the Hermitage in Saint Petersburg, the Egyptian Museum in Cairo...)

–Visit the AP Central website for the portfolio you are submitting to see sample portfolios.
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