AP Studio Art 2-D Art and Design and AP Studio Art Drawing are college level courses requiring a 2-part portfolio. In order to meet the demanding portfolio requirements, it is important to create and investigate artwork during the summer. These summer assignments help alleviate the pressure during the school year of producing the many quality pieces needed for a successful portfolio. You will need to dedicate a substantial amount of time to this. DO NOT PUT IT OFF UNTIL THE END OF THE SUMMER! All summer assignments are due the first week of school.

The 2-D Art and Design portfolio is based on proficient use of Design ELEMENTS (space, line, shape, form, value, color, texture) and PRINCIPLES (unity, variety, balance, emphasis, contrast, rhythm, movement, repetition, proportion). The AP Drawing portfolio is based on your mark-making skills (how your medium reacts/interacts with the surface) as well as how effectively you use the Design Elements and Principles. At the end of this document you will find a handout defining these design basics. Refer to this as you plan, create, and complete the assignments.

**AP STUDIO ART 2-D Art and Design and AP STUDIO Drawing PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS:**

- **Sustained Investigation** - 15 pieces of artwork exploring a single visual theme in depth. These will show investigation and growth.
- **Quality** - 5 original pieces of artwork. They should be your very best and will be selected from the pieces in your Sustained Investigation portfolio. No smaller than 8” x 10” or larger than 18” x 24” (including mat).

Now the fun part, you get to make art over the summer! One of the goals for your summer assignments is to keep you thinking visually, and to get you to experiment and try stretching your range of experiences and expressions. Your summer assignments should be high quality and demonstrate strong technical skills. Pace yourself but work consistently. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AUGUST!

Feel free to email me during the summer with any questions and show me your progress with pictures of your work. rwilliams@vikingmail.org
PART 1: RESEARCH (100 points)

1. Gallery or Art Exhibition Review. Go look at some good ART!

   - Visit TWO art exhibitions over the summer. They can be art galleries, local art centers, museums, art festivals OR you can visit galleries and museums on the Internet.

   - List the TWO exhibits you visited: Name of gallery, museum, festival, etc., Title of exhibit, Location of gallery, museum, festival, etc.

   - In your sketchbook answer the following questions for each exhibit: What did you see? Choose your favorite artist in the exhibit. Describe the issues they explore in their art. What do you like about their work? Did the work affect you in a positive way or a negative way? Why? Describe the subject matter, style, etc. of their work. Choose one artwork from your two visits and draw a picture of it in your sketchbook. Include the artist’s name and title of the work.

PART 2: COMPLETE AT LEAST 2 PROJECTS FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST. 100 POINTS EACH = 200 POINTS DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!

*You are welcome to create more than 2. As you work begin to think about things/issues you’re interested in. What could be a theme for your Sustained Investigation?

Artworks should be no smaller than 8” x 10” and no larger than 18” x 24” in size. These pieces will be used for the Sustained Investigation section of your portfolio with the emphasis on a theme. Remember: the assignments are about QUALITY not quantity!

1. Create a nontraditional portrait of someone you know. Create the portrait using the Neo-Impressionist style (think Georges Seurat or Paul Signac) BUT instead of using paint, use an unexpected material to create the colors. Only use one material to create cohesion. You can use M & Ms, rubber bands, colored paper clips, pieces of color balloons, buttons, etc.

2. Create a self-portrait that expresses a specific mood/emotion. Mood/Emotions: anger/rage, melancholy/loneliness, happiness/joy, etc. Work with lighting and values. You can use pencil, colored pencil, charcoal, or pastel. Drawing must use a 10-point value scale with a range of strong darks and lights. Strong lighting can be used to
achieve this dramatic effect. Use color to enhance the psychological atmosphere. Consider the environment/setting. Research portrait artists for inspiration.

3. Still life arrangement of at least 3 reflective objects. Reflective surfaces can be glass or metal. Something could be reflected IN the objects. Set up the objects on a cloth-covered table and place a lamp near it to create dramatic lighting. Render as accurately as you can. Research still lifes.

4. Extreme close-up of food, almost to the point of abstraction. Very detailed. Cut up fruits and vegetables and look closely at the insides for interesting abstract qualities. Use strong color and strong composition-how will you use all the space?

5. Buildings in a landscape. Draw on location or take a variety of photos to draw from later. Old churches are great for this. Make sure the perspective is correct. Think back to the Iconic Building project.

6. Nature close-up. Get outside and take your camera or sketchbook and do a series (at least 3) of nature close-up sketches. Select your best one to do a final render drawing in colored pencil. Concentrate on values and textures. Must use a 10-point value scale.

7. Show action. Take a photograph of a person jumping rope, walking, riding a bike, walking down stairs, etc. Think about your point of view. Look at Nude Descending a Staircase by Duchamp, research Futurist artists like Giacomo Balla or F.T. Marinetti or study the photography of Eadweard Muybridge.

8. A drawing, painting, or mixed media piece depicting an unusual interior. Show the inside of a closet, cabinet, refrigerator, your car, under the car hood, or the interior of anything you choose. You may take some photos with your camera as reference to draw from. This should be very detailed.

9. Contrast of textures. Place 3 eggs on a towel, cloth or crumbled paper to create an interesting composition. You can choose other smooth objects if you don’t want to use the eggs. Use drawing pencils or colored pencils (layer your pencil alternating hatching/cross-hatching directions; Use a wide variety of values). Pay attention to the smoothness of the eggs/objects against the rougher quality of the towel, cloth or paper. You need a light source to help show the textures.
10. Surrealism. Research Surrealism (historical and contemporary artists). Read what the surrealist artists say about their artwork. Create a work in the surrealist style. You may want to do this as a mixed-media piece. Have fun with it!

**AP STUDIO ART 2-D Art and Design and AP STUDIO Drawing TIPS**

- Draw directly from life instead of using reference photos, whenever possible. **If you must use a photo, have it be your own or use a photo from the public domain.** Attach the photo to the back of the work. The AP Readers (Judges), as well as art schools, love to see a drawing made from life.

- Use quality materials for your art. Good materials make it easier to create good work. Use the coupons for Michael’s or Hobby Lobby to help offset the cost. When choosing a sketchbook, consider one that either allows for multiple uses or has thick, quality drawing paper.

- Spend at least 5 hours on each piece. Must high quality pieces will take longer than this.

- Use a sketchbook to plan your artwork (thumbnail sketches, jot down notes, glue in reference images, do color studies, practice media options, etc.). All pieces should be complete...do not turn in studies. These process drawings can be included in your portfolio

- Use a variety of media, even combining them for mixed media.

- Use a complete range of values. All drawings must be complete with a full 10-point value scale.

- Apply the elements and principles of design to all of your artwork-if you don’t know them, you need to learn them for the FIRST DAY OF CLASS!

- **DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME TO THE FRONT OF YOUR WORK** or place any identifying marks on the front as per AP Guidelines. Be sure to write your name **ON THE BACK.**

- Read about art! Read art magazines such as **ARTnews and International Artist.** You will find these in libraries. Check out books about famous artists in the library while you’re there. Study the images in the books. Search the Internet for artists dealing with the same subjects as you. Study their work, philosophy, life, and influences.
Also, become familiar with the AP website. It's full of valuable information for you and your parents as well as lots of examples of student portfolios:
http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/studio2d

Part 3: MINIMUM OF 75 PERSONAL STOCK Photographs 75 POINTS:
Stock photography is a collection of images that artists might purchase to use for their work in lieu of hiring a photographer. You will be both photographer and artist.

**You must have as many original images as possible for this class.
Quality is important. These photos will be used to inspire or guide future Sustained Investigation works. Push yourself to take exciting photos that are expressive and unique so that your portfolio shows a high level of creativity. The more variety, the better!

Use the lists below in any combination to inspire/ inform your photos. Repeat prompts if necessary although work towards a wide range of photos. You may use any photographic device you like that will produce quality photos.

Create a Folder in your Viking Google DRIVE that you can save photos to. Organize the photos based on subject matter. This will make it easier for you to reference what you want.

**DIGITAL PHOTO PROMPTS:**
**Design:** Consider overall composition so that you have a clear focal point and interesting composition

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**Subject Matter:** Explore a variety of subjects. Push yourself to a surprising or new approach to the subject and consider the feeling you can express (scary, funny, odd, serious, etc)
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**Idea:** Consider the expressive nature or feeling you can create by the way you capture or portray a subject. Push yourself to be expressive and show your viewers something new!

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**Supply List**

**AP Studio Art 2-D Art and Design and AP Studio Art Drawing**

The following materials are REQUIRED for the AP Studio Courses:

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<th>1. Hardcover sketchbook</th>
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2. **Portfolio carrying case**

24” x 36” or larger

The sturdier it is, the longer it will last- it is a good investment! The vinyl ones with the zipper will last forever!

[Like this vinyl portfolio on Amazon](#) or [this cardboard one](#)

($15-25)

*A used portfolio is ok!

**If this is too great of an expense, please plan to stay after school Week 1 to make a portfolio from cardboard with Mrs. Williams

You will store finished works here for the EXAM in the Spring.

If you have drawing pencils PLEASE use them for your summer work and bring them the first week of class. A variety of H and B pencils will help you achieve the desired range of tones. If you have any questions about other art media and brands to use, please email me.

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- **Line**: Different tools make different kinds of lines.
- **Shape**: Shapes come in many types and sizes.
- **Color**: Every color can be bright, dull, dark, or light.
- **Value**: Value refers to dark and light in painting or drawing.
- **Form**: Form is three-dimensional, and takes up space.
- **Texture**: Texture is how a surface of something feels or looks.
- **Space**: We use illusions to make space in art.
- **Balance**: Balance is the comfortable arrangement of things in art.
- **Contrast**: Contrast is the difference between elements in an artwork.
- **Emphasis**: Emphasis is the creation of a focal area in a work of art.
- **Movement**: Movement is how we get around in a work of art.
- **Pattern**: Pattern decorates surfaces with planned, repeated units.
- **Rhythm**: Rhythm is the repetition of shapes, lines, and forms.
- **Unity**: Unity means that all is in harmony. Variety adds interest.