

AP Art and Design
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AP ART and DESIGN SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Advanced Placement Art and Design is a college level class. You must make a commitment beyond the classroom in order for you to grow technically and creatively. Summer assignments are the first grades of the fall term. We will have a class critique of the summer work the first day of the term.

Summer Assignment: Preliminary sketch & a finished painting with a minimum size of 18" x 24" (preferably larger). The painting is to describe a narrative/story. This narrative may be a picture easily read or it may contain visual symbols, metaphors that the viewer will interpret.

Draw from observation when possible. The painting is to include a one or two-point perspective describing an environment, interior or exterior. Use 'props' as still life objects that represent elements of your story. Including figures in the composition is optional but highly suggested. Photographing the figure as a model should be done with strong directional lighting. Consider various points of view, scale, technical unity, composition and intrigue.

The preparation sketch should be done on good quality paper. The sketch should represent your visual thinking and be an exploration of ideas. The drawing should grow from a quick thumbnail image to a composed 'study'. Painting panels are available from the art room, canvases must be purchased. You may use any medium for drawing. The paintings must be in oil (preferred) or acrylic.