

## AP Summer Work 2024

The idea with your summer work is to prepare for the AP course. The work you do this summer is absolutely foundational to your AP portfolio whether you use any works you make this summer or not.

It is the beginning of you considering what subjects, themes, media and techniques you wish to explore in depth - the foundation of developing your **Sustained Investigation**

*A Sustained Investigation is:* an inquiry and quest to answer a question about something that deeply interests or concerns you.

[Courtney Savage Summer Work Presentation Example](#)- to access, must use your Maryvale email that is linked to google account

Here is what you will do this summer:

- Read through this entire document fully and carefully
  - Do NOT wait until August to begin this work
  - Email me with any questions anytime
- I. **Create a folder** on Google and **start an image flood of at least 50 photographs and artworks that inspire you.** This is best done over time, not all at once
- a. These might include:
    - i. Images of possible subject matter
    - ii. Images of media you want to explore
    - iii. Images of techniques you would like to explore
    - iv. Images of artworks and artists you like
- II. **Explore Your Ideas**
- a. Many students have a basic concepts of some topic or topics they wish to investigate – but you *must expand an initial idea to go beyond the obvious*
  - b. **Make a list of at least 5 Ideas or Concepts you may want to investigate**
  - c. **Then, for each of those ideas, list at least 5-10 ways to expand on it. This includes written thoughts and/or sketches..**
    - i. **What about this makes you want to explore it through your art?**
    - ii. **What ways might you explore this?**
    - iii. For example, with regard to your idea are you exploring texture, mark making, light and shade, unusual composition....
- III. **Develop 3 of these ideas/concepts**
- a. **These further developments should each be from a different concept/idea**  
**Choose 3 ideas to develop and create an artwork for each**  
*Each Final piece includes the following:*
  - b. Description of the concept
  - c. Concept sketch
  - d. Progress images
    - i. At least 3 taken at various stages during the project
  - e. Finished Artwork

- f. Written explanation of what you learned from the process, the materials, what you enjoyed, what was frustrating and if you think this is still an idea you want to pursue.

**IV. At the beginning of the Fall Semester be prepared to submit:**

- a. Link to Google Folder of 50 inspirational images
- b. List of 5 Sustained Investigation concepts with expanded sketches/notes
- c. 3 Finished works that include the 5 steps listed above
- d. Set of Google Slides containing the above

If you do this you will be glad you did, if you don't, maybe AP isn't for you.....

You can see example portfolios on the college board website but look for ones from the 2021 & 2022 year as the course has changed dramatically from years prior.

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-drawing/portfolio?course=ap-studio-art-drawing>