

# ST. PIUS X ST. MATTHIAS

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## Summer Assignment for AP Art & Design: Drawing (Summer 2021)

**AP Art & Design** consists of two sections within the portfolio: Selected Works and Sustained Investigation. The Selected Works are 5 examples of your best completed work. The Sustained Investigation showcases 15 examples of your ability to research and investigate an Inquiry of your choosing. It is a large amount of work you must produce during the year. In order to be ready for the Fall you will have to complete a summer assignment to be completed before the first day of classes this Fall.

1. **Visual journaling** (30 pages in a 5x7 or 8x10 sketchbook) You will need to purchase a good quality 5x7 blank page sketchbook. You will be producing 30 drawings/paintings/collages. The work can be sketches, observational, from your imagination, abstract, realistic, etc. It does not have to be related to one another. This is your time to try different ideas out. Don't hold back!
  - a. Here are some links to good sketchbooks
    - i. [Canson XL Mixed Media](#) (good if you plan on painting inside of it)
    - ii. [Hardbound Pentelic Sketchbook](#) (good for traveling)
    - iii. [AmazonBasics Classic Blank Notebook](#) (good for traveling)
    - iv. [Strathmore Sketch 400 series](#)
2. **Reference Photos** (40 photos) Take 40 reference photos of anything and everything. You cannot use reference photos from online for your completed work, especially recognizable faces, etc. You must work from your own references. Take photos of plants, animals, friends, family, yourself, hands, tools, flowers, etc. **Organize them in a folder within your Google Drive for easy accessibility and call the folder AP Reference Photos.** As you begin to add photos, rename your files (the photos) so that it describes the content in the photo. This will make it easier for you to find what you're looking for in the future.
3. **Art Gallery/Museum Visit:** You must visit one gallery or art museum in-person and write a 1 page write-up of your experience, including but not limited to your favorite works (title & artist), and what attracted you to those pieces. Describe how you think the artist created their work and what materials they used. Note why you like it and what makes it successful.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Museums have opened back up, however, you must reserve your tickets ahead of time (i.e. LACMA, The Broad). For galleries, just check their websites.

  - a. [Best Museums of LA Guide](#)
  - b. [Best Art Galleries in L.A.](#)
  - c. [Guide to L.A.-Area's Museum Re-Openings](#)

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