

Summer Work 2022: AP/Honors Studio Art

Instructions: Read the WHOLE page before getting started. There are 3 parts to your summer work. They can be done in ANY order, or even worked on ALL at once.

I. Sketchbook EVERY Day

- Page 1 – brainstorm potential Sustained Investigation topics
 - A Sustained Investigation is a topic that you will explore ALL YEAR, based on inquiry questions you formulate. ALL of your work this year will be on the Sustained Investigation topic you choose.
 - WHAT do you like to draw? Tip – base your SI around something you like to draw and want to draw some more!
 - OR base your SI around materials/process that you love.
 - *Tip, pick something that you can explore in YOUR everyday life, as you will MOSTLY be working from direct observation or your OWN reference photos.*
- Page 2 through 8 – Begin to explore one or more of the SI topics you came up with
 - Use DIRECT OBSERVATION
 - Use your OWN reference photos – *photos that YOU took*
- Pages 9 & 10 – Plan a FINISHED piece based on your SI topic that you will turn in on the first day of school (see below).
 - You can use multiple thumbnail sketches to plan your composition.
 - You can practice drawing the subject of your piece.
 - You CAN practice draw something that you already drew on pages 1-8

II. Take Photos – 10 photos *minimum* - based on your SI and other interests

- *These will be reference sources for you to use ALL YEAR and in your Summer Sketchbook Work.*
 - Take photos of things that catch your attention in your daily life. What do you find interesting?
 - Take photos of things that relate to or represent your SI idea(s).
 - You could plan a special trip to take photos for your SI – to a museum, an aquarium, a zoo, a farm, an historic building, etc.
 - You could arrange a photo shoot: pose friends or family, have them wear specific clothes, arrange objects in a still life
 - Always be on the look out for things that you might want to draw! Take a photo!

III. One finished piece – based on SI Inquiry Question

- Minimum size 8x10 inches, Maximum size 18x24 inches
- Other size options: 9x12 or 10x14 or 12x18 or 14x20 inches (these fit the standard mats at school)
- Canvas or paper: Purchase at Walmart, Meijer, Plaza Art, Michaels, Amazon, etc.
 - Or get creative – use cardboard or other upcycled materials from your home – one past student painted on an old computer monitor after seeing a piece painted on an old door!
- Subject: Your SI topic
- Start with planning sketches in your sketchbook!
- *Write your Inquiry Question down on the back of the piece and let it guide you.*

Summary:

- **10 pages of sketchbook work – 40 points**
- **Take 10 reference photos (SI topic) – 20 points**
- **One finished piece with preliminary sketch(es) – 40 points**
- **Due first day of class**