

## AP Studio Art Summer Assignment 2022

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Points: 20

AP Studio Art will focus on creating a portfolio of work with a **minimum of 15 pieces**. These artworks will all be related to **one central theme**, constituting the sustained investigation portion of the AP portfolio.

In preparation for the school year, you will need to complete the following over the course of the summer:

1. Develop a minimum of **3 conceptual ideas** to propose for potential portfolio subjects
2. Create **10 thumbnail sketches** for each portfolio proposal (total of 30 thumbnail sketches)
3. Find **3 fine artists** working in a medium or style that inspires you with examples of their work.

### 3 Conceptual Ideas:

Coming up with an idea for a body of work can be challenging and your idea may evolve and be refined over the course of the year. Things to keep in mind when you start brainstorming:

- What interests you as an individual and as an artist?
- Are there questions or topics that you want to investigate or research through your artwork?
- If you start with a broader idea, how might you dig deeper to find a more specific subject?

*For example, an interest in landscapes may lead you to consider (1) the environmental impact of climate change on the landscape, (2) the immediate landscape of your lived environment/neighborhood, (3) the human relationship to nature, (4) an imagined future landscape.*

- If you're stuck, look up examples. The College Board website has a number of past portfolios and there are plenty of online resources including lists of suggested portfolio ideas. Start there to generate ideas and then build your own work from there.

### 30 Thumbnail Sketches:

Thumbnail sketches are small drawings that begin to lay out a plan for a piece of work. They do not need to be incredibly detailed but they do need to communicate the basic idea you want to pursue. On the following page there is an example of a set of thumbnail sketches.

Once you have an idea for a portfolio subject, divide a paper into a grid and begin to plan out works that fit the overall theme. 10 thumbnail sketches will help you to figure out if an idea is generative enough to pursue for an entire year. If you are struggling to make all 10, go back to your idea and think about how you might approach it from a slightly different perspective, expand it further, or look at art that is focused on a similar topic.

### 3 Artists:

Find three artists whose work you are interested in. Your interest could be personal, material, or stylistic. These can be contemporary artists or from art history. Create a Google doc with each artist's name and an image of at least one work from each with title, date created, and medium (i.e. oil paint, woodblock print, photograph, etc.) See example below.

Thumbnail Sketch Example:



Artist Reference Example:

Name: Petra Cortright

Title: *Dynasty Warriors\_EA March Madness '98 custom players/eastman+auto*

Date created: 2021

Medium: Digital painting on anodized aluminum

