AP Art and Design - Summer Assignment

Overview of Class:

The College Board *AP Art and Design* program makes it possible for highly motivated high school students to do college level work. You are asked to submit to the AP College Board a portfolio of work instead of a "bubble sheet" exam. The portfolios are designed to allow maximum freedom in the structure of the course. Each portfolio will address the three major concerns of the evaluation guidelines.

Portfolio Requirements

There are 3 different portfolios to choose from:

1. **AP 2-D Art and Design**
2. **AP 3-D Art and Design**
3. **AP Drawing**

AP Art and Design portfolios will each consist of 2 sections:

1. **Sustained Investigation** (60% of exam score)
   For all three portfolios, students will digitally submit images and writing to document their inquiry-guided investigation through practice, experimentation, and revision:
   - 15 digital images that include works of art and design and process documentation.
   - Typed responses to prompts, providing information about the questions that guided their investigation and how they practiced, experimented, and revised, guided by their questions.
2. **Selected Works** (40% of exam score)
   For all three portfolios, students will digitally submit works of art & design and writing to demonstrate skillful synthesis of materials, processes, and ideas:
   - For AP 2-D Art and Design and AP Drawing: 5 physical works or high-quality reproductions of physical works with written responses on paper describing the materials, processes, and ideas used.
   - For AP 3-D Art and Design: Digital images of 5 works (2 views of each) with typed responses describing the materials, processes, and ideas used.

Each portfolio will focus on in-depth, inquiry-based art and design making; on skillful synthesis of materials, processes, and ideas; and on articulating information about their work. Students will document their sustained investigation of materials, processes, and ideas through practice, experimentation, and revision. The portfolios are open to diverse approaches to thinking and making, aligning with college, university, and contemporary disciplinary practices.

Summer Assignment:

Required Sketchbook Assignment:
Must purchase or recycle a partially used sketchbook and draw a minimum of 15 pages worth of the following:
Here are some possible ideas for the Sketchbook assignment:
pages can be filled with drawings, collages, mixed media, markers, or whatever medium you have available:

- Draw from life.
- Draw from your imagination.
- Make abstractions of things from life
- Create non-representational designs, marks and shapes
- Draw to music.
- Visual journal page (look it up; lots of ideas online)
- Still life using dramatic lighting-strong light and dark areas
- A self-portrait including something personal.
- A landscape-realistic, abstract, or expressive.
- Reflective object still life
- A human figure drawing at an unusual viewpoint
- Interior space of a drawer, closet or car from an interesting angle
- An animal showing furry texture.
- A series of expressive landscapes based upon personal experience of a particular place.
- Microscopic images.
- A series of self-portraits exploring mood and expression
- Interpretive self-portraiture and figure studies that emphasize exaggeration and distortion.
- A personal or family history communicated through the content and style of still-life images.
- A project that explores interior or exterior space emphasizing perspective, structure, mood created by light, etc
- Simply doodle and a lot!!!
- Write random thoughts, poetry, and famous quotes over collaged pages or water colored pages.
- Attach interesting flyers, invitations, artwork that is visually interesting to you.

Required - Write a list of 5 possible sustained investigation ideas in your sketchbook. This includes possible themes, subject matter, and media. What is your inquiry? What are you investigating? Why is this topic important to you? You will need one guiding question for your inquiry.
Required - Visit the AP College Board website www.collegeboard.com– explore the AP Art & and Design sections and look at student sample portfolios. Print out 3 student examples that you find interesting, inspiring or even intimidating to include in your sketchbook. If you don't have a printer, then draw what you see.

Required – 2 completed original projects with use of good composition. Choose 2 topics below for your 2 completed projects. NO copyright images or use of any Artificial Intelligence tools. Use any size paper and materials for your 2 projects.

1. Landscape
2. Portrait/s
3. Magnification of an object. Photograph at interesting angles, up close to magnify an object and use photo as reference.
   Note: The College Board prefers original artwork arrived from direct observation. Do not use anything that has a copyright on the work.
4. Value study of a person, place, or thing. Show a good range of values.
5. Animals as your subject matter.

- **Recommended** - Visit a museum, art gallery exhibits or document other places you are visiting this summer. This can be online virtual tours. Collect evidence that you were there: postcards, entrance ticket, stickers, photos, etc.of artwork from the place you visited– attach to pages in your sketchbook. Make random notes and sketch from paintings, drawings, and sculpture.

DUE the 2nd day of school if there is a *no backpack* day on day 1:

- 15 full pages in your sketchbook
- 2 quality projects

Points will be lost for everyday late.

It is recommended that you buy your own portfolio with a sturdy handle so you can easily transport your projects to and from school. Choose a portfolio that is going to protect your work from wind and rain. I would not recommend the paper portfolio or fabric. You should be able to fit 18”x24” artwork in the portfolio.

More info AT THE COLLEGE BOARD WEBSITE where you will find information about AP Art & Design course, the exam, scoring rubrics used, and examples of past student work in each of the portfolio areas.

https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-2-d-art-and-design?course=ap-2-d-art-and-design

https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-drawing/portfolio

At this link below, you will be able to plug in the name of a college and see if they accept AP credits:

https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies?SFMC_cid=EM139394-&rid=47164837