

AP Art + Design: Drawing

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Summer Assignment | 2026

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AP Art + Design is the highest level, most rigorous high school art course, but also the most fun and rewarding. It requires a commitment and an energy level that goes far beyond doing the work assigned to you as you did in previous art courses. If you wish to be successful in this course, make up your mind right now to put in the extra time to improve your skills and develop your ideas!

The portfolio exam consists of two sections:

Sustained Investigation - 60%

15 images of works of art and process documentation that demonstrate sustained investigation through practice, experimentation, and revision.

Selected Works - 40%

5 works of art that are your very best and showcase advanced drawing/design skills. (These 5 works do NOT have to be from your Sustained Investigation!)

You are also expected to use a variety of media:

Pencil, pen, charcoal, marker, pastel, paint, watercolor, ink, colored pencil, collage, mixed media/assemblage, digital illustration...

Assignment

Documentation of thought process, composition and media experimentations, and revisions of ideas are requirements of the AP portfolio. Your task is to complete 10 (or more) spreads in the sketchbook provided. Your pages should be completed in the summer *before* the school year begins, and each spread should reflect *at least* 45 minutes of work. I want you to write, draw, paint, doodle, journal, scrapbook, reflect, experiment, practice, and whatever else inside of your sketchbook in preparation for your Sustained Investigation.

The following prompts must be addressed within your 10+ spreads:

- Sustained Investigation topic brainstorming/mind maps/concept sketches
- Conventional + unconventional art media explorations
- What is something you wish you were better at? Practice it
- Research an artist whose work you love or that inspires you (contemporary or historical)
- Observational drawings, drawings from LIFE!

These sketchbook pages are an assessment of your commitment to practice and experimentation, both of which are essential for success in this course.

I look forward to receiving your completed assignments on August 31!

Please go to the next page for a quick guide to assignments and due dates for summer work

Assignment	Due Date
AP Course Knowledge Quiz	6/16/2026
Organization Assignment	6/26/2026
Mind Map Spread	7/1/2026
Spread (Summer Course work 2)	7/18/2026
Spread (Summer Course work 3)	8/1/2026
Progress 1	8/8/2026
Progress 2	8/15/2026
Progress 3	8/22/2026