

# AP Studio Art Summer Work

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The work this summer will give you a head start on our work during the school year. As an AP art student, you are asked to emphasize research, experimentation, exploration, discovery, inventive thinking, and problem solving.

Your summer work will be **due on the second day of school and will be your first grade of the year. YOU WILL NEED TO BRING: REFERENCE PHOTOS, SKETCHBOOK and OBSERVATIONAL PIECE.** We will discuss these projects, sketches, written work, and ideas as a class.

**Supplies:** You will need a new sketchbook to be used only for AP art throughout the year. There are reasonably priced sketchbooks on Amazon, at Walmart, or Michael's (there are usually coupons online). Previous Studio 1/Studio 2 students may already have a mixed media sketchbook that can be used.

- Weight - 90-140 lbs to ensure the paper is strong enough for both wet and dry materials
- Size- 8x10 - 11x14

**There are three parts to AP Studio summer work:**

1. Taking reference photos
2. How to keep a visual journal (sketchbook)
3. Observational piece

## PART ONE: PHOTO FILE

Taking your own photos and sketching work together to create original compositions.

**Photography File-** Start taking pictures to work from. **YOU CANNOT USE PLAGIARIZED PHOTOS!**

- Take more pictures than you think you need. It doesn't take much extra time, take more pictures.
- You should take photos of at least 10 different topics. Some examples are: people, places, objects, animals, food, and facial expressions.
- Print 10 photos and incorporate them into your sketchbook work. If you don't have a printer, upload photos to a Google Doc.

## PART TWO: SKETCHBOOK WORK- At least 2 full pages

**(one will be research for your observational piece-see part three)**

Go to <https://www.studentartguide.com/articles/art-sketchbook-ideas> READ AND LOOK through this whole page. Your sketchbook should be a living thing that you take care of, keep with you, and work with often. It is about developing ideas and keeping your brain always thinking about art.

1. Do not make perfect drawings. Make mistakes, make false starts, keep trying. DO NOT TEAR ANY PAGES OUT.
2. **FILL THE PAGE!** Go off the edges. No more drawings in the center. Think about some of these as complete artwork.
3. Do not draw completely from photographs that aren't yours. **Draw from real life** all the time. Combine images and ideas. Use any materials you wish - pen, pencil, watercolor, etc.
4. The goal is MORE. Expect to spend 20 minutes to an hour on each drawing. You may include writing. You should have at least 1 full page of sketches, some complete, some sketchy, some writing.
5. **Sketchbook page for observational piece must include - reference photo, thumbnails/plans for composition, material experimentation, color scheme, any inspo used and annotations.**

**Sketchbook Ideas:**

First thing in the morning	Comfort food	Small objects in repetition
Jewelry	Fences and gates	Lots of layers
A family member	An unusual perspective	restaurant
statues	insects	In your drawer/closet/car
Building that describes your town	At the park	Something very textured

**PART THREE:**

**\* Observational Painting - Choose one (but you're welcome to do both). Fridge interior or kitchen corner**

**\*\*START both prompts by painting your entire canvas either red or brown.**



1. Create a large painting from observation of the **interior of your refrigerator**. Your artwork must be at least 11x14. Aim for realism, focusing on value and perspective.
  - Explore painting from life and from a reference photo. This will take multiple days, a reference photo is necessary as items will move.
  - Consider composition - which area(s) are interesting; color, objects, shapes, etc.

Or

2. Create a large painting from your own reference photo of a **corner of your kitchen**. Must include various textures.
  - Experiment with value to create shadows to show depth of room. Remember to include highlights from the light source.
  - Consider perspective and angles.

Please let me know if you have any questions 😊