

## AP Summer Work 2021

Here are the course skills that we are focusing on:

1. Investigating ideas, materials and processes
2. Making works of art by practicing, experimenting and revising
3. Communicating ideas about art

*A Sustained Investigation is:* an inquiry to answer a question about something that interests or concerns you. What do you think might be interesting to investigate for the whole school year?

- I. Create a folder on Google and **start an image flood of at least 50 photographs and artworks that inspire you.** This is best done over time, not all at once
  - a. These might include:
    - i. Images of possible subject matter
    - ii. Images of media you want to explore
    - iii. Images of techniques you would like to explore
    - iv. Images of artworks and artists you like
- II. Explore Your Ideas
  - a. Many students have a basic concepts of some topic or topics they wish to investigate – but you *must expand an initial idea to go beyond the obvious*
  - b. Make a list of at least 5 Ideas or Concepts you may want to investigate**
  - c. Then, for each of those ideas, list at least 5-10 ways to expand on it. This includes written thoughts and/or sketches..**
    - i. What about this makes you want to explore it through your art?**
    - ii. What ways might you explore this?**
    - iii. For example, with regard to your idea are you exploring texture, mark making, light and shade, unusual composition....
- III. Develop 3 of these ideas/concepts
  - a. These further developments should each be from a different concept/idea**  
**Choose 3 ideas to develop and create an artwork for each**  
*Each Final piece includes the following:*
  - b. Description of the concept
  - c. Concept sketch
  - d. Progress images
    - i. At least 3 taken at various stages during the project
  - e. Finished Artwork
  - f. Written explanation of what you learned from the process, the materials, what you enjoyed, what was frustrating and if you think this is still an idea you want to pursue.
- IV. **At the beginning of the Fall Semester be prepared to submit:**
  - a. Folder of 50 inspirational images**
  - b. List of 5 Sustained Investigation concepts with expanded sketches/notes**
  - c. 3 Finished works that include the 5 steps listed above**

If you do this you will be glad you did, if you don't, maybe AP isn't for you.....

You can see example portfolios on the college board website but look for ones from the 2019-2020 year as the course has changed dramatically from years prior.

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-drawing/portfolio?course=ap-studio-art-drawing>