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Fair Lawn District Mission

Recognizing that the "Leaders of Tomorrow Attend Fair Lawn Schools Today," it is the mission of Fair Lawn High School to afford each student the opportunity to learn, to achieve success and to become a confident and productive member of a global and technological society prepared to face the challenges of the 21st century. We believe that a major purpose of an education is to cultivate in each student a sense of wonder in the life-long process of learning. We believe that our school provides a learning environment that is student-centered, and supports the interaction of students, parents, professional staff, and the community. We believe that teachers must be empowered to develop and deliver high quality instruction, nurture students' special talents and abilities, and respond to the needs of each individual. We believe that the optimal environment is one in which students feel free to challenge themselves and have opportunities to take initiative, to articulate clearly and imaginatively, to be creative, and to learn from their inquiry and experience.

We believe that an education which provides for the intellectual, aesthetic, physical, cultural, technological and social development of young people leads to their becoming productive and humane citizens who demonstrate self-discipline, responsibility and respect for others. We believe that education provides students with opportunities to access knowledge, ensuring competence and confidence in responding to the challenges of the future.

Department of Fine Art Mission Statement

The course offerings of the Fine Art Department provide all Fair Lawn High School students the opportunity to grow aesthetically; to develop and expand a critical awareness of their cultural heritage; and to acquire the skills needed to distinguish the fine from the mundane. The intent is to help students increase their perception and awareness of the environment, to encourage an imaginative and creative approach to problem solving, and to develop self-discipline and confidence. The varied courses offered by the Fine Art Department are designed to challenge all students to achieve higher levels of performance and appreciation.

New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards

Visual Arts:

Standard 1.1 (the creative process) all students will demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles that govern the creation of works of art in dance, music, theatre and visual arts.

Standard 1.2 (history of the arts and culture) all students will understand the role, development, and influence of the arts throughout history and across the cultures.

Standard 1.3 (performance) all students will synthesize skills, media, methods, and technologies that are appropriate to creating, performing, and/or presenting works of art in dance, music, theatre and visual art.

Standard 1.4 (aesthetic responses and critique methodologies) all students will demonstrate and apply an understanding of arts philosophies, judgment, and analysis to works of art in dance, music, theatre and visual art.

For more specific details go to: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/standards/1/index.html>

Cross Curricular Core Content Standards

The units in this curriculum reflect the integration of the New Jersey Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Technology Literacy, and 21st-Century Life and Careers Core Curriculum Content Standards.

These integrated standards are:

Mathematics – CCCS 4.2: 4.4.A 1-3; 4.4 B 1-2; 4.4 C 1; 4.5 E 1-3

Science – CCCS 5.2.P.A.1; 5.2.8.A.3; 5.2.4.B.1; 5.2.12.C.2

Social Studies – CCCS 6.1.P.D.1,2,3,4; 6.1.12.D.3.e; 6.1.12.D.8.b; 6.1.12.D.14.f

Technology Literacy – CCCS 8.1; 8.2

21st-Century Life and Careers – CCCS 9.1; 9.2

Common Core State Standards Initiative (2010)

The Standards set requirements not only for English language arts (ELA) but also for literacy in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects. Just as students must learn to read, write, speak, listen, and use language effectively in a variety of content areas, so too must the Standards specify the literacy skills and understandings required for college and career readiness in multiple disciplines. Literacy standards for grade 6 and above are predicated on teachers of ELA, history/social studies, science, and technical subjects using their content area expertise to help students meet the particular challenges of reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language in their respective fields. It is important to note that the 6–12 literacy standards in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects are not meant to replace content standards in those areas but rather to supplement them. States may incorporate these standards into their standards for those subjects or adopt them as content area literacy standards.

Examples of these standards:

RL.9-10.7. Analyze the representation of a subject or a key scene in two different artistic mediums, including what is emphasized or absent in each treatment (e.g., Auden’s “Musée des Beaux Arts” and Breughel’s Landscape with the Fall of Icarus)

W.9-10.1. Write Arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

W.9-10.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.

Course Synopsis

The purpose of Painting is to introduce students to different approaches to painting and painting techniques using a variety of media. Emphasis will be placed on the elements of art and design with an emphasis on color and composition. Students will develop technical skills and personal style. A variety of subject matter will be explored.

The historical and cultural aspects of ceramics are also explored throughout the course. When appropriate, an awareness of the topic relevance to business and/or industrial applications is provided for each student. The subject matter is presented with an awareness of the National Art Education Association curriculum standards and the New Jersey State Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Course Benchmarks

- 1.** The student will be able to identify elements and principles within a painting through viewing, discussing and writing about a variety of art historical and cultural painting references.
- 2.** The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the proper use of a variety of paint mediums within the art studio including watercolor, gouache and acrylic, the tools associated with applying these mediums and the proper studio clean up procedures.
- 3.** The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of watercolor painting processes and techniques.
- 4.** The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of gouache painting processes and techniques.
- 5.** The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of acrylic painting processes and techniques.
- 6.** The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of communicating ideas through the use of themes and/or subject matter.
- 7.** The student will be able to understand and utilize appropriate vocabulary in discussing, both written and verbal, their work and the work of others.

Scope and Sequence

Marking Period 1

Unit I – Elements of Art and Principles of Design

Elements and Principles through Art History and Culture

The student will be able to identify elements and principles within a painting through viewing, discussing and writing about a variety of art historical and cultural painting references.

Unit II – Studio Procedures

Studio Procedures – Watercolor, Gouache, Acrylic

The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the proper use of a variety of paint mediums within the art studio including watercolor, gouache and acrylic, the tools associated with applying these mediums and the proper studio clean up procedures.

Unit III –The Creative Process

Watercolor

The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of watercolor painting processes and techniques.

Unit IV –The Creative Process

Gouache

The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of gouache painting processes and techniques.

Marking Period 2

Unit V – The Creative Process

Acrylic

The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of acrylic painting processes and techniques.

Unit VI –The Creative Process

Subject Matter or Theme

The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of communicating ideas through the use of themes and/or subject matter.

Unit VII – Art Criticism

Critical Analysis

The student will be able to understand and utilize appropriate vocabulary in discussing, both written and verbal, their work and the work of others.

Unit I – Elements of Art and Principles of Design**Elements and Principles through Art History and Culture**

Goal 1: The student will be able to identify elements and principles within a painting through viewing, discussing and writing about a variety of art historical and cultural painting references.

Objectives / Cluster Concepts /Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI's)**The student will be able to:**

- 1.1. Understand the use of Elements of Art and Principles of Design as part of the painting process. (1.1, 1.2))
- 1.2. Identify how history and culture effect the various periods of painting. (1.2)

Essential Questions/ Sample Conceptual Understandings**Essential Questions**

How does an artist use the elements and principles as building blocks to create an organized work of art?

How does art history and culture relate to the creation of a work of art?

Enduring Understandings

Elements and Principles are the visual language used by artists when they create artwork.

History and culture are reflected in works of art and are influenced by each other.

Instructional Tools / Materials / Technology / Resources / Learning Activities / Interdisciplinary Activities / Assessment Model

NOTE: The assessment models provided in this document are suggestions for the teacher. If the teacher chooses to develop his/her own model, it must be of equal or better quality and at the same or higher cognitive levels (as noted in parentheses).

Depending upon the needs of the class, the assessment questions may be answered in the form of essays, quizzes, mobiles, PowerPoint, oral reports, booklets, or other formats of measurement used by the teacher.

Instructional Tools:

PowerPoint: Introduction to the Elements of Art and Principles of Design

Resources:

Illustrated Elements of Art and Principles of Design, Gerald F. Brommer, 2011

Learning Activities:

Small group activity: Students will assemble a “collection” of art that identifies specific elements and principles (color, texture, value, rhythm, unity and proportion) utilizing the computer as a means for research. For each piece of artwork collected, indicate the element(s) or principle(s) of the work of art. Each group will present their art collection to the class. (**Knowledge**)

Design assignment: Sketch a small composition that includes as many elements and principles as possible while still maintaining a cohesive work of art (**synthesis, application**)

Interdisciplinary Activities

Collaborate with the history department or art history program in a project that demonstrates how historical events and culture have influenced painting. (**analysis, evaluation**)

Unit II Studio Procedures

Studio Procedures – Watercolor, Gouache, Acrylic

Goal 2: The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the proper use of a variety of paint mediums within the art studio including watercolor, gouache and acrylic, the tools associated with applying these mediums and the proper studio clean up procedures.

Objectives / Cluster Concepts /Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI's)

The student will be able to:

- 2.1. Identify daily safety measures that must be done to ensure a safe learning environment(1.2)
- 2.2. Identify the mediums and tools used in the painting studio and their proper functions(1.2)
- 2.3. Develop problem solving skills based on established knowledge in safe handling of equipment and materials(1.2)

Essential Questions/ Sample Conceptual Understandings

Essential Questions

How is maintaining safe working procedures essential to the learning process?

How does an artist safely and responsibly use materials, tools and processes in creating a work of art?

Enduring Understandings

Safety is paramount to success in any lab/studio setting.

Safe and appropriate use of materials, tools and processes result in strong artistic skills and craftsmanship.

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Instructional Tools:

PowerPoint: Introduction to Studio Procedures

Resources:

Complete Drawing and Painting Handbook, Lucy Watson, 2009

Learning Activities

Class activity: Tour spaces of classroom where painting materials are stored with a discussion of safety rules for each area, after model how to wash and store brushes and paint palettes. (*knowledge*)

Small group activity: Each group is distributed a collection of materials and tools. They are to demonstrate how to properly wash and store brushes and paint palettes. (*knowledge, application*)

Small group activity: Each group will draw three scenarios from a deck of cards. Each card has a problem on it that might be encountered in class. Using the information provided in class, define a solution to the problem and, if possible, how it may have been prevented. (*application, analysis, synthesis*)

Unit III The Creative Process

Watercolor

Goal 3: The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of watercolor painting processes and techniques.

Objectives / Cluster Concepts /Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI's)

The student will be able to:

- 3.1. Demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of watercolor paints, brushes and papers (1.1,1.3)
- 3.2. Demonstrate an understanding of under painting with a wash (flat, graduated, variegated) (1.1,1.3)
- 3.3. Demonstrate an understanding of glazing – wet transparent layers over dry layers (1.1, 1.3)
- 3.4. Demonstrate an understanding of texture techniques - sponge, lifting, dry brush, spattering (1.1, 1.3)
- 3.5. Demonstrate an understanding of color mixing (1.1, 1.2, 1.3)
- 3.6. Demonstrate an understanding of a traditional watercolor painting process (1.1, 1.2,1.3)

Essential Questions/ Sample Conceptual Understandings

Essential Questions

What are the unique qualities of watercolor?

What are the specialized skills and materials needed to use watercolor successfully?

How can this media be used to achieve various visual qualities?

Enduring Understandings

Watercolor is a transparent medium

Proper technique is essential in successful outcomes

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Resources:

Andrew Wyeth, John James Audobon

Large Group Learning Activities:

Demonstration of various watercolor techniques

Under painting, glazing, texture (*knowledge*)

Individual Learning Activity:

Guided practice- students will create a series of small watercolor exercises utilizing color mixing and techniques on a variety of watercolor paper (smooth, rough) (*application, synthesis*)

Students will create a watercolor landscape utilizing a photograph of their choice. Students will apply their knowledge of under painting, glazing, texture and color mixing. (*application, synthesis*)

Brainstorming activity:

During an interactive lecture, students will explore color relationships in painting (complementary, analogous, monochromatic) and how their choice of color can have a positive or negative effect on their painting. Students will also explore cool vs. warm colors. (*knowledge, analysis, application*)

Students will brainstorm a color scheme for their landscape painting. (*synthesis*)

Assessment

Project Grading Rubric based on the following: Craftsmanship, Creativity, Successful completion of assignment, Effort

Unit IV The Creative Process**Gouache**

Goal 4: The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of gouache painting processes and techniques.

Objectives / Cluster Concepts /Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI's)**The student will be able to:**

- 4.1. Demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of gouache paints and brushes (1.1,1.3)
- 4.2. Demonstrate an understanding of transparent vs. opaque (1.1,1.2,1.3)
- 4.3. Demonstrate an understanding of color mixing (1.1, 1.2,1.3)
- 4.4. Demonstrate an understanding of how to achieve shading using complementary colors (1.1,1.2, 1.3)
- 4.5. Demonstrate an understanding of a traditional gouache painting process (1.1, 1.2,1.3)

Essential Questions/ Sample Conceptual Understandings**Essential Questions**

What are the unique qualities of gouache?

What are the results of mixing two complementary colors?

What are the specialized skills and materials needed to use gouache successfully?

How can this media be used to achieve various visual qualities?

Enduring Understandings

Gouache can be both a transparent and opaque medium

Shading can appear more realistic by using the complement of a color rather than black

Proper technique is essential in successful outcomes

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Resources:

Georges Rouault, Henri Matisse

Large Group Learning Activities: Demonstration of various gouache techniques – color mixing, thick vs. thin (transparent/opaque) (*knowledge*)

Individual Learning Activity:

Guided practice- students will create a series of small gouache exercises utilizing color mixing and techniques (*application, synthesis*)

Students will create a painting of a piece of architecture that is personal using gouache as their medium. Students must bring in a photograph of the house/building, etc. to use as a reference. Students will apply their knowledge of color mixing and thick vs. thin. (*application, synthesis*)

Assessment

Project Grading Rubric based on the following: Craftsmanship, Creativity, Successful completion of assignment, Effort

Unit V -The Creative Process

Acrylic

Goal 5: The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of acrylic painting processes and techniques.

Objectives / Cluster Concepts /Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI's)

The student will be able to:

- 5.1. Demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of acrylic paints, brushes and canvas (1.1,1.3)
- 5.2. Demonstrate an understanding of under painting by blocking in areas of color (1.1,1.3)
- 5.3. Demonstrate an understanding of glazing – wet transparent layers over dry layers (1.1, 1.3)
- 5.4. Demonstrate an understanding of texture techniques – building up textures/details through layers (1.1, 1.3)
- 5.5. Demonstrate an understanding of scumbling – applying 2 adjacent colors/value of thick paint (1.1, 1.3)
- 5.6. Demonstrate an understanding of color mixing (1.1,1.2, 1.3)
- 5.7. Demonstrate an understanding of a traditional acrylic painting process (1.1, 1.2,1.3)
- 5.8. Demonstrate an understanding of working from observation (1.1, 1.3)
- 5.9. Demonstrate an understanding of composition (1.1,1.2, 1.3)

Essential Questions/ Sample Conceptual Understandings

Essential Questions

What are the unique qualities of acrylic?

What is the difference between paper, illustration board and canvas?

What creates “good” or “interesting” composition?

What are the specialized skills and materials needed to use acrylic successfully?

How can this media be used to achieve various visual qualities?

Enduring Understandings

Acrylic is an opaque medium

Acrylic can be applied to illustration board or canvas

The use of elements and principles can create “interesting” composition

Proper technique is essential in successful outcomes

Instructional Tools / Materials / Technology / Resources / Learning Activities / Interdisciplinary Activities / Assessment Model

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Resources:

Robert Motherwell, Bridget Riley, David Hockney, Chuck Close

Large Group Learning Activities: Demonstration of various acrylic techniques – under painting, color mixing, glazing, scumbling (*knowledge*)

Individual Learning Activity:

Guided practice- students will create a series of small acrylic exercises utilizing under painting, color mixing, glazing and scumbling and complement shading (*application, synthesis*)

Students will create a painting of a still life that is set up in the studio using acrylic as their medium. Students will apply their knowledge of under painting, color mixing, glazing, scumbling and using a color's complement to shade (*application, synthesis*)

Assessment

Project Grading Rubric based on the following: Craftsmanship, Creativity, Successful completion of assignment, Effort

Unit VI The Creative Process**Subject Matter or Theme**

Goal 6: The student will be able to demonstrate a basic knowledge of communicating ideas through the use of themes and/or subject matter.

Objectives / Cluster Concepts /Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI's)**The student will be able to:**

- 6.1. Create an original conceptual painting based upon student interest (1.1,1.3)
- 6.2. Create a written artist's statement about the painting (1.4) (English Language Common Core State Standards – W.9-10.1, W.11-12.1. W.9-10.2, W.11-12.2.)
- 6.3. Create a series of "thumbnail" sketches that can be evaluated and modified before starting the final work (1.1, 1.3)
- 6.4. Create a painting that has a clearly identifiable focus supported by the elements and principles (1.1, 1.3)

Essential Questions/ Sample Conceptual Understandings**Essential Questions**

How does an artist communicate an idea, feeling or message to the viewer?

How does the use of thumbnail sketches help the artistic process?

Enduring Understandings

Communicating about art can increase technical skill and problem solving abilities.

Artists communicate through visual elements.

Thumbnail sketches help in the development of ideas.

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Resources:

Picasso, Millet, David, Delacroix, Dali

Large Group Learning Activities:

Demonstration of thumbnail sketching techniques (*knowledge*)

Discussion of conceptual painting (*knowledge*)

Individual Learning Activity:

Students will write an Artist's Statement that expresses the feeling, idea or message of their painting.

Guided practice- students will create a series of thumbnail sketches visually outlining ideas for their painting. Students will then share their ideas with the class opening up the opportunity for both teacher and peer feedback (*application, synthesis*)

Students will create an original painting based upon their interests. Students may use watercolor, gouache or acrylic. Students will utilize their prior knowledge of painting techniques to complete their artwork. (*application, synthesis*)

Differentiation:

Students with advanced readiness work with more complex and abstract ideas while those with less readiness work with simple and concrete ideas.

Brainstorming activity:

Students will create a word map or web with a conceptual theme in the center, then do a series of sketches showing how the words in the web could be expressed visually. (*knowledge, analysis, application*)

Assessment

Project Grading Rubric based on the following: Craftsmanship, Creativity, Successful completion of assignment, Effort

Unit VI Art Criticism**Critical Analysis**

Goal 6: The student will be able to understand and utilize appropriate vocabulary in discussing, both written and verbal, their work and the work of others.

Objectives / Cluster Concepts /Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI's)**The student will be able to:**

- 6.1. Identify appropriate vocabulary to explain individual paintings (1.1,1.3, 1.4)
- 6.2. Identify the elements of art and principles of design and apply them to individual paintings (1.3)
- 6.3. Create a written critical analysis of a painting (1.1,1.3,1.4) (English Language Common Core State Standards – W.9-10.1, W.11-12.1. W.9-10.2, W.11-12.2,)

Essential Questions/ Sample Conceptual Understandings**Essential Questions**

How do the elements and principles support each other in a final painting composition?

How does the art criticism process help an artist improve their work?

How does the art criticism process help us to understand and make judgments about an artwork?

Enduring Understandings

Critiques can improve an artists approach to their work – they see their work through someone else’s eyes.

Communicating about art can increase technical skill and problem solving abilities.

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Resources:

The Critique Handbook: The Art Student's Sourcebook and Survival Guide, Kendall Buster and Paula Crawford, 2009

Learning Activities:

Distribute guide to critiquing art – discuss model (Describe, Analyze, Interpret, Judge) (*knowledge*)

Class Activity:

Given a collection of images specific to a period of art, groups of students will produce arguments for why their collection has the strongest examples of each period or style of art (*evaluation, analysis, comprehension*)

Individual activity: Students will compare and contrast the aesthetic value of a painting in the context in which it was created. Students will create a written critical analysis, in paragraph form, using the following guidelines for organization:

- I. Describe
- II. Analyze
- III. Interpret
- IV. Evaluate (*evaluation, analysis, comprehension*)

Differentiation:

The artwork could be student-generated or a masterwork.

The analysis could include cultural or cross-curricular links.

Assessment

How to Critique and Write about Art

The following steps—description, analysis, interpretation and evaluation— are the steps in a formal critique. It is called the Feldman method. It is an established critique method that has been used by students and professionals alike for over 50 years.

Please respond to the following sections in paragraph form, using complete sentences. Use the questions provided as a guide to provide you with information for your paragraphs.

Describe (first paragraph)

This stage is like taking inventory. You want to come up with a list of everything you see in the work. Stick to the facts. Imagine that you are describing the artwork to someone over the telephone.

LIST

Name of artist, title of project, or material used to define the project.

Since this is an in-class critique of another student's work, simply list their name.

For example, "This is a critique of Judy Blume's glass fused final project"

NOTE FIRST IMPRESSION

Make a note of your first spontaneous reaction to the artwork. By the end of the process you may understand your first impression better or you may even change your mind. There are no wrong answers.

Analyze (second paragraph)

Try to figure out what the artist has done to achieve certain effects. You should refer to your first impressions and try to explain how the artwork achieves that reaction.

Q. Use the vocabulary you learned in class. For example, fusing, slumping, jump ring, contrast, positive and negative space, etc.

Q. How are the elements of art (color, shape, line, texture, space, form, value) and the principles of design (balance, contrast, emphasis, movement/rhythm, unity, variety) used in this artwork?

Q. What do you notice about the artist's choice of materials?

Q. What grabs your attention in the work? Refer to your first impression.

Interpret (third paragraph)

Try to figure out what the artwork is about. Your own perspectives, associations and experiences meet with "the evidence" found in the work of art. All art works are about something. Some art works are about color, their subject matter, and social or cultural issues. Some art works are very accessible — that is, relatively easy for the viewer to understand what the artist was doing. Other works are highly intellectual, and might not be as easy for us to readily know what the artist was thinking about.

Q. What is the theme or subject of the work? What mood or emotions does the artwork communicate?

Q. What is the work about; what do you think it means?

Q. Why do you think that artist created this work? (in this case, why did they choose this subject?)

Q. What do you think the artist's view of the world is?

Judgment/Evaluate (fourth paragraph)

This is a culminating and reflecting activity. You need to come to some conclusions about the artwork based on all the information you have gathered and on your interpretations. Evaluate the craftsmanship and technique.

Q. Does the work communicate an idea?

Q. Are you moved by the work?

Q. Have your thoughts or feelings about the artwork changed since your first impression?

If so, how? What made you change your mind?

Q. If not, can you now explain your first reaction to the work?

Q. What have you seen or learned from this work that you might apply to your own art work or your own thinking?

Idea Sketch

After critiquing and evaluating this artwork, create several idea sketches and chose one to illustrate what the student could do to improve their work if they were to recreate it from start to finish. You are essentially resolving any problems with the project by redesigning the piece, keeping what you thought was strong in the piece and changing anything you thought was weak or suggesting another option on how to improve the piece or simply to do it differently. Your sketch must clarify the new direction and label areas where you might suggest using any non-traditional materials. Think about some of the other projects you saw during our class critique for inspiration.

Your sketch must have your name and period in the top left corner on a blank piece of paper. The illustration must be detailed, in color, that would show the visual changes on the entire piece. You may write descriptive words with arrows pointing to your sketch of materials or techniques you would use to help explain your idea. Use colored pencils to add color to your design, and color neatly as if you were going to present your work to the MoMA store catalogue trying to sell your idea to be produced professionally.

Refer to the rubric to determine expectations for 100% grade.

Graded Skills	Art work Criteria					
Category	Written Critique Criteria					
	6	7	8	9	10	
Description	Descriptions are not detailed or complete.	Makes a detailed description of some of the subject matter and/or elements seen in a work.	Makes a detailed description of most of the subject matter and/or elements seen in a work.	Makes a complete and detailed description of the subject matter and/or elements seen in a work.	Detailed description of the subject matter and/or elements seen in a work are above and beyond requirements.	
Analysis	Student has difficulty identifying the dominant elements.	Describes some dominant elements and principles used by the artist, but has difficulty describing how these relate to the meaning or feeling of the artwork.	Accurately describes a couple of dominant elements and principles used by the artist and accurately relates how these are used by the artist to reinforce the theme, meaning, mood, or feeling of the artwork.	Accurately describes several dominant elements or principles used by the artist and accurately relates how they are used by the artist to reinforce the theme, meaning, mood, or feeling of the artwork.	Accurately describes many dominant elements or principles used by the artist and accurately relates how they are used by the artist to reinforce the theme, meaning, mood, or feeling of the artwork.	
Interpretation	Student has difficulty interpreting the meaning of the work.	Student expresses how the work makes him/her feel personally.	Student identifies the literal meaning of the work.	Forms a somewhat reasonable hypothesis about symbolic or metaphorical meaning and is able to support this with evidence from the work.	Forms an incredible hypothesis about symbolic or metaphorical meaning and is able to support this with evidence from the work.	
Evaluation	Evaluates work as good or bad based on personal taste with little to no supporting details.	Tries to use aesthetic criteria to judge artwork, but does not apply the criteria accurately.	Uses 1-2 criteria to judge the artwork.	Uses 3-4 criteria to judge the artwork, such as composition, expression, creativity, design, medium, communication of ideas.	Uses more than 4 criteria to judge the artwork, such as composition, expression, creativity, design, medium, communication of ideas.	
Mechanics and word usage	Grammar, Spelling, word usage is inappropriate; Several errors that severely detract from meaning. Little to no use of elements & principles of design terminology.	Grammar, Spelling, word usage is mostly appropriate; Few errors that do not detract from meaning. Some use of elements & principles of design terminology.	Grammar, Spelling, Word Usage, is appropriate; Little to no errors. Use of elements & principles of design terminology.	Grammar, Spelling, Word Usage, is appropriate; No errors. Good use of elements & principles of design terminology.	Grammar, Spelling, Word Usage, is above expectations; No errors. Incredible use of elements & principles of design terminology.	
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Elements & Principles	Project incomplete or complete but shows no evidence of understanding elements/ principles, no planning	Project complete but shows little evidence of planning or understanding elements/principles	Project shows adequate understanding of elements/principles, evidence of some planning	Project planned carefully, several preliminary sketches, used elements/ principles effectively to create successful composition	Project planned carefully, multiple preliminary sketches, used elements/ principles effectively to create strong composition
Creativity & Originality	Project incomplete or finished with no evidence of experimentation, originality or creativity expressed	The student tried an idea but it lacked originality; substituted "symbols" for personal observation; unoriginal or copied.	The student tried 2-3 ideas before selecting one; or based his or her work on someone else's idea; solved the problem in a logical way.	The student explored several choices before selecting one; generating many ideas; tried unusual combinations or changes on several ideas; demonstrated understanding problem solving skills.	The student explored many choices before selecting one; generating multiple ideas; tried unusual combinations or changes on several ideas; demonstrated understanding problem solving skills. Above and beyond expectations.
Effort & Perseverance	Project unfinished or completed only after many prompts/ ideas/physical help & solutions from others	Project finished with minimum effort/met minimum requirements with no extra effort	Project finished with hard work but some details lacking	Project finished with maximum effort.	Project finished with maximum effort, went well beyond requirements
Craftsmanship /Skill	Project finished with no attention to details, quickly thrown together	Project finished but somewhat messy	Project finished with most details, minor flaws present	project beautifully/ carefully made	project beautifully/ carefully made, above and beyond expectations
Attitude /Responsibility	Student off task, lack of thought for materials, sought ways to avoid work	Student completed minimal work, often off task	Student worked consistently, assisted with preparation and cleanup	Student worked consistently and enthusiastically toward project, mature behavior	Student worked consistently and enthusiastically toward group goals, mentored others needing help, mature behavior
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