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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 Language Arts/Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Technology Literacy, and 21st-Century Life and Careers Core Curriculum Content Standards.

These integrated standards are:

Language Arts/Literacy – CCCS 3.1.E 1-5; 3.1.F 1-2; 3.1.H 1-7; 3.2.A 1-13; 3.2B 8-10; 3.2.C 1-5, 7, 9; 3.2.D 2, 4, 12; 3.3.A 1-3, 5; 3.3.B 5-6; 3.3.C 1-3; 3.4, 3.5.A 1-8; 3.5.B 1-7; 3.5.C 1-4

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)

njccs.nj.gov/

Course Synopsis

This course is designed to enhance the students' aesthetic values. It exposes students to a variety of ceramic techniques and problems relating to the visual arts world. It will foster sound visual, emotional, and aesthetic values necessary to begin appreciating culture and beauty in the world. In exploring the various areas of ceramic arts, students will gain an understanding of how form and function are incorporated in to the art making process, as well as gain insight in to the ideas and critical thinking skills necessary for creating three dimensional ceramic art. The process of critique will also become prevalent as students learn to apply the Elements and Principles of design vocabulary in discussions about their work.

The historical and cultural aspects of Pottery 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 gain an appreciation of the origins of Pottery, prominent works of various cultures throughout history, and how ceramics have developed over time
2. The student will be able to understand and utilize appropriate vocabulary in discussing, both written and verbal, their work and the work of others.
3. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw a straight sided cylinder on the potter's wheel
4. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw a bowl on the potter's wheel
5. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw vessels on the wheel with an intended function, to include mugs and pitchers.
6. The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw vessels on the wheel with an intended function, to include mugs and pitchers.
7. The student will be able to throw a vessel on the potter's wheel and alter it based on techniques demonstrated in contemporary pottery.
8. The student will be able to demonstrate advanced methods of slab construction.

Scope and Sequence

Marking Period 3

Unit I – Arts & Culture

The History of Ceramic Art

The student will be able to gain an appreciation of the origins of Pottery and prominent works of various cultures throughout history, and how ceramics have developed over time.

Unit II – The Elements and Principles of Design

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 III –The Creative Process

Potter's Wheel – Throwing a Cylinder

The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw a straight sided cylinder on the potter's wheel

Unit IV –The Creative Process

Potter's Wheel – Throwing a Bowl

The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw a bowl on the potter's wheel

Marking Period 2

Unit V – The Creative Process

Potter's Wheel – Throwing Plates and Low Bowls

The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw vessels on the wheel with an intended function, to include mugs and pitchers.

Unit VI – The Creative Process

Potter's Wheel – Form and Function

The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw vessels on the wheel with an intended function, to include mugs and pitchers.

Unit VII –The Creative Process

Potter's Wheel – Sculptural Vessels

The student will be able to throw a vessel on the potter's wheel and alter it based on techniques demonstrated in contemporary pottery.

Unit VIII –The Creative Process

Advanced Slab Construction

The student will be able to demonstrate advanced methods of slab construction.

Unit I - Arts & Culture**The History of Pottery**

Goal 1: The student will be able to gain an appreciation of the origins of Pottery and prominent works of various cultures throughout history, and how ceramics have developed over time.

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

- 1.1. Understand the use of Pottery through the ages: Prehistoric, Pre-Colombian, Ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman, and Contemporary society(1.1,1.5)
- 1.2. Understand how history and culture effect the various periods of ceramic art.(1.5)
- 1.3. Explore how Contemporary Ceramics is influenced by historical methods of production?(1.5)

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

How have cultures used ceramic art as a means of function and expression through the ages?

What are common uses of ceramic art throughout history?

How are Contemporary Artists influenced by traditional methods of production?

Enduring Understandings

Art and culture are reflections of historical events and 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 Pottery and Contemporary Ceramics (*knowledge*)

Resources:

Text: *Art Through the Ages* by Fred S. Kleiner & Christin M. Mamiya

Video: Crystal Productions : Throwing on the Wheel The Potter's Handbook Lark Books

Learning Activities:

Small group activity: Students will assemble a "collection" of art that outlines each of the time periods discussed in class, utilizing the computer as a means for research. For each piece of artwork collected, indicate the material used and function, if any, of the work of art. Each group will present their art collection to the class. (*Knowledge, application*)

Assessment Timelines will be graded on the following criteria:

Accuracy, Creativity, Effort

Unit II The Elements and Principles of Design

Critical Analysis

Goal 2: 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:

- 2.1. Identify appropriate ceramics vocabulary and utilize to explain individual works of pottery(1.1,1.3)
- 2.2. Identify the elements and principles of design and apply them to individual works pottery (1.3)
- 2.3. Create a written critical analysis of a piece of ceramic art (1.1,1.3,1.4)

Essential Questions/ Sample Conceptual Understandings

Essential Questions

How does each of the elements of design support each other in a final ceramics composition?

Why is the role of form and function in ceramic art?

How does having the ability to communicate about sculpture assist in creating it?

Enduring Understandings

By studying the works of the masters, we can improve our own technique

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

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Resources:

Ceramics Monthly magazine Sculpture Magazine

Learning Activities:

Distribute vocabulary sheet, to be completed by student as the terms are covered. (*knowledge*)

Class Activity:

Project an image of a piece of pottery or ceramic sculpture on the board. To the side of it, write each of the elements and principles of design, leaving a blank space next to each one. As a class, go over the definition of each one. Select one student for each term to write on the board, how the element or principle is demonstrated in the work of art. (*Evaluation, Analysis, Comprehension*)

Individual activity: Distribute a chart that outlines each of the elements and principles of design. Using brief or one word answers, students should respond to a selected work of art for each term. Using the chart as a guide, students will create a written critical analysis, in paragraph form, using the following guidelines for organization:

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

Unit III The Creative Process**The Potter's Wheel – Throwing a Cylinder**

Goal 3: The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw a straight sided cylinder on the potter's wheel

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

- 3.1. Create a straight sided vessel (1.1, 1.2)
- 3.2. Create a vessel with uniform sides. (1.1, 1.2)
- 3.3. Identify wheel throwing cultures (1.5)

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

What are the origins of the potter's wheel?

What is the importance of posture when working on the wheel?

What is the importance of uniform construction in pottery?

Enduring Understandings

Form and function are influenced by the needs of a culture and/or society

Proper technique is essential in successful outcomes

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Learning Activities:

Demonstration (Review from Ceramics I):

Foundations of Wheel Throwing (centering, Opening, Pulling up)

Posture Tools Pulling up a cylinder (*knowledge*)

Small Group Activity:

Peer Coaching: Students will work in groups of two practicing centering, opening, and pulling up.

Students will coach each other, observing and correcting proper technique as they work. (*comprehension, application, evaluation*)

Individual Activity:

Each student will create a single cylinder that meets the following criteria:

Measures at least 8" tall Uniform Sides and base Sides measuring no more than 1/2 "

(*Application, synthesis*)

Assessment: Group Critique (evaluation) Grade based on rubric guidelines:

Elements & Principles, Creativity & Originality, Effort & Perseverance, Craftsmanship/Skill, Attitude/Responsibility

Unit IV The Creative Process**The Potter's Wheel – Throwing a Bowl**

Goal 4: The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw a bowl on the potter's wheel

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

- 4.1. Create a bowl on the potter's wheel (1.2)
- 4.2. Identify and utilize assorted ribs in the throwing process (1.1, 1.2)
- 4.3. Demonstrate an understanding of Pre-Columbian surface Decoration. (1.5)

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

What are the various methods one can employ to create a bowl on the potter's wheel?

What are the popular themes in Pre- Columbian pottery?

What are the methods of decoration utilized in Pre- Columbian cultures?

Enduring Understandings

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Learning Activities:

Powerpoint Presentation: Introduction to Bowls and Pre- Columbian Pottery (*knowledge*)

Demonstration: Throwing a Bowl on the Wheel *Demonstration:* Utilizing Engobes for Surface Decoration(*knowledge*)

Individual Activity:

Brainstorm activity: Using Basic lines and shapes, create a design, using a single element as your inspiration (earth, wind, fire, water) (*analysis, application, synthesis*)

Students will throw a bowl on the potter's wheel using red clay

Students will decorate their bowls in the green ware state, using engobes in black and white.

(*application, synthesis*)

Assessment:

Group Critique (evaluation) Grade based on rubric guidelines:

Elements & Principles, Creativity & Originality, Effort & Perseverance, Craftsmanship/Skill, Attitude/Responsibility

Unit V -The Creative Process**The Potter's Wheel- Throwing Plates and Low Bowls****Goal 5: The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw a bowl on the potter's wheel****Objectives / Cluster Concepts /Cumulative Progress Indicators (CPI's)****The student will be able to:**

- 5.1. Demonstrate the ability to throw either a low, flat bottomed bowl or a rimmed plate (1.1, 1.2)
- 5.2. Demonstrate a basic understanding of altering the shape of a vessel (1.1, 1.2)

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

What is the importance of controlling moisture when creating a low bowl or plate?

What are some methods for controlling the drying of a plate or low bowl?

What are some methods for altering the rim of a plate or low bowl?

Enduring Understandings

Form and function are influenced by the needs of a culture and/or society

Proper technique is essential in successful outcomes

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

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Learning Activities:

Powerpoint Presentation: Introduction to Low Bowls , Plates, and Altered Rims

*(knowledge)***Demonstration:** Throwing a Low Bowl or Plate Opening the base

Using a rib (rubber, metal, wood)

Trimming a foot

Altering the rim

Controlling the moisture, using the plaster bat

*(knowledge)***Individual Activity:**

Students will throw a low bowl or plate on the potters wheel

Students will alter the rim using one of the methods demonstrated in class

*(application, synthesis)***Assessment:**

Group Critique (analysis, evaluation) Grade based on rubric guidelines:

Elements & Principles, Creativity & Originality, Effort & Perseverance, Craftsmanship/Skill, Attitude/

Responsibility

Unit VI The Elements and Principles of Design**The Potter's Wheel – Form and Function**

Goal 6: The student will be able to demonstrate the ability to throw vessels on the wheel with an intended function, to include mugs and pitchers.

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

- 6.1. Demonstrate the ability to create a vessel with a specific function (1.1, 1.2, 1.3)
- 6.2. Demonstrate the ability to pull a handle (1.2)
- 6.3. Demonstrate the ability to pull a spout (1.2)

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

What factors should an artist consider when creating a vessel with a specific function?

How does form influence function?

Enduring Understandings

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Learning Activities:

PowerPoint Presentation: Introduction to Mugs and Pitchers (*knowledge*)

Demonstration: Throwing a bowl or cylinder with a function “Bellying Out” Trimming a foot Creating a Lip Pulling a spout (*knowledge*)

Demonstration: Pulling a handle and attaching it

Individual Activity: Students will throw three different mugs on the wheel and one creamer/pitcher, focusing closely on how form effects function; (*comprehension, application, synthesis*)

Assessment:

Tea Party Critique: Each student will be given a mug (not their own), Students will take part in a “tea party” to effectively critique the mug that they have been given based on the following criteria:

- a. comfort of handle
- b. comfort of lip
- c. thickness of walls (how does it effect the temperature of the beverage)
- d. weight of mug when full
- e. How does the shape of the mug effect one’s ability to drink from it?

(analysis, evaluation)

Grade based on rubric guidelines: Elements & Principles, Creativity & Originality, Effort & Perseverance, Craftsmanship/Skill, Attitude/ Responsibility

Unit VII - The Creative Process**The Potter's Wheel – Sculptural Vessels**

Goal 7: The student will be able to throw a vessel on the potter's wheel and alter it based on techniques demonstrated in contemporary pottery.

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

- 7.1. Identify the works of Contemporary Potters (1.5)
- 7.2. Create and deconstruct a wheel thrown vessel (1.1, 1.2)
- 7.3. Utilize assorted non-ceramic materials within pottery (1.1, 1.2, 1.3)
- 7.4. Demonstrate an understanding of the elements and principles of design (1.3)

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

What inspires the contemporary potter? What does it mean to be “altered?”

What are some methods used in contemporary pottery to alter a piece of pottery?

What are some foreign materials that can be introduced in to wheel thrown pottery?

Enduring Understandings

The success of experimentation and risk are contingent upon trial and error and educated guessing.

Proper technique is essential in successful outcomes

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Learning Activities:

PowerPoint Presentation: Introduction to Contemporary Potters- focus on the works of Paul Soldner and Peter Voukos (*knowledge*)

Individual Activity:

Students will create a vessel on the potters wheel and alter it to demonstrate two different elements of design (line, shape, form, color, texture)

(*application, synthesis*)

Assessment:

Grade based on rubric guidelines:

Elements & Principles, Creativity & Originality, Effort & Perseverance, Craftsmanship/Skill, Attitude/Responsibility

Unit VIII - The Creative Process**Advanced Hand Building Techniques**

Goal 8: The student will be able to demonstrate advanced methods of slab construction.

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

- 8.1. Identify contemporary artists who hand build (1.5)
- 8.2. Develop and utilize a template (1.1, 1.2)
- 8.3. Create three dimensional sculptural vessel using the slab method of construction (1.1, 1.2, 1.3)
- 8.4. Reinforce construction methods (1.1)
- 8.5. Utilize the elements and principles of design to create an original teapot design (1.1, 1.2, 1.3)

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

What are the methods used to join slabs together? Why is a template integral in slab construction? What are the functional characteristics of a teapot?

Enduring Understandings

Form and function are influenced by the needs of a culture and/or society

Proper technique is essential in successful outcomes

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Learning Activities:

PowerPoint Presentation: Introduction to Contemporary Potters- focus on sculptural teapots
(knowledge)

Demonstration: Review Slab Construction

Creating a template Beveled Corners Score/Slip/ Secure Drying times
(knowledge)

Individual Activity:

Brainstorming Activity: Students will select an artist from a given list. Students will create a plan for a hand built (or mixed assembly) tea pot that reflects the artwork of their chosen artist. Teapot may reflect the artist in shape, surface decoration, texture, form, etc. Teapot should be functional. *(comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis)*

Assessment:

Critical Analysis: Students will write up a Critical Analysis for their own teapot. (analysis, evaluation)

Grade based on rubric guidelines: Elements & Principles, Creativity & Originality, Effort &

Perseverance, Craftsmanship/Skill, Attitude/ Responsibility

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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