

AP 2D Studio Art Summer Assignments

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Summer assignments help prepare students for the work in an AP Course and have work to start off their portfolio. Rigor and consistent practice help students understand the process of art making. These project ideas can go across portfolios and across mediums.

Explore 5 ideas from the summer assignment list.

- Take apart an object: Deconstruct an old mechanical object and draw the interior or create a new juxtaposition of parts
- Works with extreme lighting
- Create a food tableau or still life with cut up or peeled fruits and vegetables: Draw an extreme close-up or parts of the image
- A still life of objects in a specific color
- Do a self-portrait from a unique angle
- Pattern: Create a work that the pattern is dominant
- Favorite toy: Create a work that tells a story
- Accidental Renaissance: Create a work that evokes a Renaissance work but is contemporary
- Bird's eye or worm's eye view
- Landscape
- Do a drawing of the scariest object in your house
- Futuristic landscape
- Invented exterior or interior space
- Surrealist collage using magazines
- Create a layered drawing with mylar, tracing paper, stitching
- Mixed media of any subject
- Unusual interior: The inside of your refrigerator, closet, drawer, your book bag
- Do a collage a day a month
- Illustrate a fortune from a fortune cookie
- Do a work in a medium you never work in
- Macro/ mini: two versions in the same work
- Work that deals with surface manipulation
- Work that illustrates a design issue or concept
- Illustrate a dream
- Color theory: Create a work based on a specific color theory
- Slices: Create a work based on slices; slice up the work and reconfigure
- Choose a title and create a work that fits the title
- Choose a random word from the dictionary/ book/ newspaper
- Re-create a work that you hated or loved