

Symbolism Assignment

Purpose:

- Using symbolism express an aspect, characteristic or story about you.
- To apply the elements of line and colour in an artwork.
- Use and experiment a visual arts medium of your choice (ex. pen and ink, pencil, pastels)

Procedure and Terminology:

1. Brainstorming: Create 5 (max. 10) symbols (simplified images), such as figures (actions/movements), objects, things from the environment, etc. to represent something about yourself.
2. Plan your composition and draw your images on your canvas. **Composition** is the placement or arrangement of visual elements or ingredients in a work of art, as distinct from the subject of a work. Applied to artworks to achieve the principle of visual arts, balance.
 - Common Compositions:
 - Symmetrical Balance: the placing of identical forms to either side of the central axis of a work to stabilize it visually
 - Asymmetrical balance: placement of non-identical forms to either side of a balancing point in such a way that the two sides seem to be of the same visual weight.
 - Radial balance: the balance as the result of components that are distributed around a center point or spring out from a central line.
3. Choose a colour scheme for your artwork.
4. Sign your artwork in the bottom right hand corner.
5. With your final product you will also hand in your process, including: preliminary sketches, planning your composition and planning your colour scheme. This can be done in a sketchbook or journal.

Evaluation: You will be evaluated based on the following

Criteria	Level 4 Expectations for students work...
Work demonstrates thinking skills by using planning techniques (preliminary sketches, planning composition and colour scheme).	Planning shows focus, organization and refining. (Work was completed in time period and the creative process was followed to produce a piece of art for a specific purpose)
Work demonstrates Knowledge and understanding of the terms, elements and principles required.	Element of line was used with a high degree of success when creating the symbols; lines are neat, clean and appropriate use of drawing tools were executed. Element of color, a colour scheme was used correctly and applied to the composition with strong effectiveness
Work demonstrates communication skills by conveying meaning using symbolic representations; a convention of visual arts.	An aspect, characteristic or story about the artist is evident in the artwork. There is a strong understanding of symbolism established.
Work demonstrates the application of knowledge and skills by creating a unique composition.	The student has met the criteria of the assignment with a high degree of success. Tools and materials were used carefully and correctly
Work demonstrates artistic integrity in the care and consideration of the creative process	Minimal number of smudges, edges have not been damaged. Student acted responsibly and was productive in the time allotted.