

Visual Arts Rising Juniors Summer Assignment

Why complete a summer assignment???

Good question! Summer assignments help you maintain your skill, and can help you to develop your critical eye. Completing the summer assignment will help you when developing a thematic portfolio.

Step 1: Select a theme on your own or from this list:

- reflective surfaces
- mechanical objects or tools
- landscapes/cityscapes/dreamscapes
- song lyrics
- ordinary to extraordinary

Step2: sticking with your theme for 1 week, draw every day at the same time of the day; draw for the same amount of time each day; use a variety of mediums.

Do not create these drawings in your sketchbook use single sheets of drawing paper, Bristol board or watercolor paper; if you do you will need to cut them out of your sketchbook.

Step 3: review your 7 drawings, and then select your top 3. Rework these 3 drawings and make improvements or totally recreate. Perhaps try adding/redoing in a different medium...Share the 3 reworked drawings with a friend(s) to have a peer critique. Make additional revisions to your drawings based on the feedback that you received from your friends.

Step 4: turn-in all 10-13 drawings as your first *Visual Journal* assignment (MP1 Week 1) for the school year.