

AP ART & DESIGN SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to AP Art & Design! This summer assignment will prepare you for a strong start to the school year and set the foundation for your AP portfolio. Complete all steps carefully and thoughtfully.

STEP 1: JOIN THE GOOGLE CLASSROOM

- Use the code **3k27ddct** to join the **JTHS 2025-26 AP Art & Design Google Classroom**.
 - Review the document titled “**#1 Summer Assignment**” available in the Google Classroom.
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STEP 2: CREATE THREE ORIGINAL ARTWORKS

To begin building your portfolio, create **three original artworks** during the summer.

Requirements:

- **Originality:** These artworks must be entirely original and cannot reuse past school assignments.
- **Materials and Styles:** Use mediums and styles that you enjoy, and feel free to explore techniques you are curious about.
- **Size:** Each artwork must be no larger than 18" x 24".
- **Supplies:** Purchase supplies at Michaels or Jerry's Artist Outlet, or shop online.

Guidelines for Submission:

For each artwork, prepare the following details to share on the first day of school:

- **Title** (italicized)
- **Medium** (e.g., acrylic, pencil, mixed media)
- **Size** (dimensions of the piece)
- Include reference images or sketches used during the process (if applicable).

Important Notes:

- Avoid copying published photographs. Use your own reference images, such as photos of friends, family, objects, landscapes, or places you visit.
 - Keep a sketchbook to document your process and ideas.
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STEP 3: VISIT MUSEUMS (VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON)

Explore and connect with the art world by visiting museums. If in-person visits are not possible, use online museum resources.

Task: Select five artworks that inspire you and document the following information:

- Artwork image
- Artist's name
- Title (*italicized*)
- Year created
- Medium (materials used)
- Size
- Museum or gallery location

Suggested Museums in NJ and NY:

- [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#)
- [Cooper Hewitt Museum of Design](#)
- [Museum of Modern Art](#)
- [Whitney Museum](#)
- [Guggenheim Museum](#)
- [Morris Museum](#)
- [Newark Museum](#)
- [Montclair Museum](#)
- [Zimmerli Museum](#)
- [Grounds for Sculpture](#)

Online Museum Resources:

- [Google Arts & Culture: Art Museums](#)
- [12 World-Class Museums](#)
- [Top Art Museums in NYC](#)
- [Artcyclopedia Art Museums Worldwide](#)

You will share and discuss your selected artworks during the first week of school.

STEP 4: REVIEW THE AP ART & DESIGN PROGRAM

Familiarize yourself with the College Board's AP Art & Design program by reviewing portfolio types and examples:

- [AP Art & Design Program Overview](#)
- [2-D Design Portfolio Examples](#)
- [3-D Design Portfolio Examples](#)
- [Drawing Portfolio Examples](#)

Task: Choose one portfolio that resonates with your style or media interests. Be prepared to discuss:

- What you learned about this portfolio type.
 - How it relates to your artistic goals.
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STEP 5: CREATE 10 SKETCHBOOK PAGES

Develop ten sketchbook pages exploring ideas and experimenting with materials.

Requirements:

- Fill each page completely, using mixed media where possible.
- Focus on creativity, exploration, and concept development.
- Refer to examples provided in the Google Classroom for inspiration.

Your sketchbook will be checked on the first day of school.

STEP 6: PREPARE FOR CLASS PRESENTATIONS

During the first week of school, you will present:

1. Your **three completed artworks**, including reference images or sketches.
2. Your **museum visit findings**, including the five inspiring artworks and the required details.
3. Your **chosen AP portfolio example**, explaining why it aligns with your goals.

All documentation for this assignment must be compiled in a **Google Slides presentation**. Use clear formatting, include images, and organize your slides by steps (e.g., Artworks, Museum Visits, Portfolio Example).

Have a great summer and remember, inspiration is everywhere—go find it!

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Name:	Date:	
Criteria	Score	
1) Three completed artworks that demonstrate an understanding of the elements of art, application of skills, and creativity. (25 pts. each)	Piece 1	/25
	Piece 2	/25
	Piece 3	/25
2) Museum Visit: Five images (4 pts. each)	Image 1	/4
	Image 2	/4
	Image 3	/4
	Image 4	/4
	Image 5	/4
3) College Board Art & Design Portfolio Example. (5 pts.)	Portfolio Example	/5
4) Ten sketchbook pages (5 pts. each)	10	/50
	Total	/150