

Generating Ideas for Art

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Creating unique art is an important part of this class. While internet resources are okay, they should not be a primary source for project inspiration. Copying someone else's idea uses a limited skill set and toes the line of copyright infringement.

Artists use a variety of resources to generate ideas. The key is VARIETY. The more ideas and sources you pull from, the more creative your final artwork can be. You should not copy directly from a single source!

Some Places Artists find Inspiration

Sounds - from Nature, Music, Songs

Words - Poetry, Literature, Quotes, Phrase, Song lyrics

Images - Work of other artists

Pictures - from books, magazines, catalogs, pictures the artist has taken

Nature – animals, trees, water, land, sky, sunsets

Buildings – Houses, Cities, Unique architecture, lighthouses

People

Common Themes in Art

Layering

Nature - Landscape - What is beautiful

Nature - Conflict - Storms - Sun - Stars

Nature - Man and animals - animals

Environment - Interiors

Seascape - Marine life

Time - passage of time - cycles of life

Cityscape - city life

Family - mother and child - family love

Religion - Spirituality - beliefs and values

Still life - observation - realism

Still life - abstraction

Slice of life - people at work - or play

Collections

Fantasy - imagination - inner worlds

Mythology - Folk tales

Figure - portrait

Historical subjects - War - Peace

Narrative - tells a story

Abstraction - Non-objective

Identity (a different kind of portrait)

Power and authority

Social Concerns – Issues

Famous Artists Who's Style May Inspire

Henri Rousseau, Edward Hicks, Vermeer, Vincent Van Gogh, Winslow Homer, Claude Monet, African Art, Stuart Davis, Georgia O'Keeffe, Mary Cassatt, Charlene Woeckener, Renaissance Art, William Harnett, Pablo Picasso, Edgar Degas, Joseph Cornell, Louise Nevelson, Henry Rousseau, Rene Magritte, Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Edward Hicks, Bruegel, Mary Ann Reed, Frank Stella

Plus MANY more.....

Still not sure? Think about what do artists do. Artists...

Remember
Create
Imagine
Feel
Observe
Distort
Experiment
Invent
Play
Repeat
Transform
Plan
Investigate
Analyze
Symbolize
Fragment
Metamorphosize
Hybridize
Distort
Fantasize

Still not sure what all of that means?

Create a symbol= draw a symbol of something that is meaningful to you

transform = take an art material and make it (transform it) into something (Sculpture)

vary = take an object and see how many ways you can change it, add to it, do it differently

use imagination = use your brain to imagine a person, an animal, a place, a thing

invent = think up something no one else has ever thought of or a better way to do something

fragment = take a picture and redraw only a part of it

metamorphosize it = take an idea or a person or an object and make them alive or not alive, or in a different space or in a different time

hybridize it = take two different things or two different ideas and fuse them together

repeat = take an object or a design and repeat it over and over

distort = take a person or an object and make part of it much smaller or much larger or much fatter or much skinnier or much...

Fantasize = use imagination but add something really unrealistic or unusual

analyze = redo something you have done before but make it better by rethinking it