



Summer AP Assignments: Summer 2026

The summer assignments are a summer-long series of projects to be turned in the first week of the 2026-2027 school year. AP art and design courses require students to research a theme through art making for the duration of the school year. For the summer assignment, you will do the same. Choose a subject or theme you would like to explore. Examples could include nature, desert life, tourism, the desert as a metaphor for tenuous life, friendships, family gatherings, etc. Anything you wish. You will work on a series of projects reflecting your theme. All projects should be placed in a Google Doc and uploaded to Canvas when due. See below for details.

2D AP Art and Design

1. Take a minimum of 30 photographs reflecting your theme. For instance, if you choose friendships, take photos of your gatherings with friends, or other friend groupings. What do you do together? What are your relationships about? What connects you?

2. Write a minimum of 30 words or phrases that describe or come to mind when thinking about your theme. Include emotional experiences, activities, insights, opinions, etc. For example, if your theme is friendships; love, connection, betrayal, adventures, support, secrets, that trip to the beach, joy, sadness, the disagreement, video games, the mall, studying together, etc.

3. Create a work of art on a 2-dimensional surface (paper, canvas, etc.) reflecting your theme. For example, create an image that represents your joy at spending a day at the beach with your friends, or that time you had a disagreement with a close friend.

Minimum size, 4 x 6 inches. This can be created using pencil, pen, marker, paint, mixed media, collage, photography, digital art, etc. Use the design principles (below) specific to 2D AP to guide you in creating your work.

3D AP Art and Design

1. Take a minimum of 30 photographs reflecting your theme. For instance, if you choose friendships, take photos of your gatherings with friends, or other friend groupings. What do you do together? What are your relationships about? What connects you?
2. Write a minimum of 30 words or phrases that describe or come to mind when thinking about your theme. Include emotional experiences, activities, insights, opinions, etc. For example, if your theme is friendships; love, connection, betrayal, adventures, support, secrets, that trip to the beach, joy, sadness, the disagreement, video games, the mall, studying together, etc.
3. Create a 3-dimensional work of art (clay, paper, found object, etc.) reflecting your theme. For example, create a 3D form that represents your joy at spending a day at the beach with your friends, or that time you had a disagreement with a close friend. Minimum size, 3 x 5 x 3 inches. This can be created using clay, mud, paper, tin foil, sticks, mixed media, etc. Use the design principles (below) specific to 3D AP to guide you in creating your work.

AP Drawing

1. Take a minimum of 30 photographs reflecting your theme. For instance, if you choose friendships, take photos of your gatherings with friends, or other friend groupings. What do you do together? What are your relationships about? What connects you?
2. Write a minimum of 30 words or phrases that describe or come to mind when thinking about your theme. Include emotional experiences, activities, insights, opinions, etc. For example, if your theme is friendships; love, connection, betrayal, adventures, support, secrets, that trip to the beach, joy, sadness, the disagreement, video games, the mall, studying together, etc.
3. Create a work of art on a 2-dimensional surface (paper, canvas, etc.) reflecting your theme. For example, create an image that represents your joy at spending a day at the beach with your friends, or that time you had a disagreement with a close friend.
Minimum size, 4 x 6 inches. This can be created using pencil, pen, marker, paint, mixed media, collage, digital art, etc. Use the design principles (below) specific to AP Drawing to guide you in creating your work.