

-Criteria for the Art/Artist Research Project-

Criteria for choosing an Art piece and Artist - Worh up to %30 of grade.

1. Pick an art piece, created primarily with the photographic process, that you find inspiring.
2. The artist must be considered contemporary, a living artist working in the postmodern style or later, after 1970's.
3. The artist must be a published artist who is considered successful in their field. S/he should be found in an art journal: *Art Forum*, *Art in America*, *Aperture* and other art journals, listed on the starting points

Research Process - Minimum of 3 resources, 1 of which must be an art journal.

1. Use the - *Starting Points for Browsing Contemporary Art Images* – at the end of the syllabus, to help you find an artist.
2. The Internet is non-discriminating so it doesn't serve as a good research tool to pick an artist, use it only after you have found an artist that fits the requirements of the assignment.
3. The first step, in researching artists could be using the card catalogue looking for artists who are interested in the same kind of topics that you are, such as: art and gender, art and form, art and the figure, art and racism, etc...
4. Another good way to go about research is to browse the art stacks, art journals, and the contemporary art reference books (found on the *Starting Points*...). Look for work that you find some resonance with, write down the artist names and then look the artist names up in the card catalogue or the Internet.

Document Format - Microsoft Word Document

1. 1 page, single spaced. If I can see all your ideas on one page, I will see what you are all about much clearer. Edit yourself and take out unnecessary ideas that don't connect with your overall idea. Use smaller font (10pt.) if you need to express more information.
2. Include at least one visual image. Generally, use as many as you need to support your ideas.
3. The critique section should be in paragraph format.
4. The Artist biography is displayed clearest in a visual list format because it is factual information. Due to the factual nature of this information there is no need to cite the sources.
5. Site any source you use ideas from with () that include the source inside them.
6. In the footnote, site all your sources, to include websites, journal and books.

Artist bio - These are facts, so they will be best displayed in list format

1. Artist's name
2. Artist's place of birth
3. Education (name of school, year of graduation, degree earned)
4. Profession
5. Family (married, kids, from large family – this is based on what you think is relevant to the art work – does their family context affect what they do?) This may be something to talk about in the critique section if it supports your ideas
6. Place of Residence
7. List specific awards earned (Artists' professional status is judged by their awards and exhibitions.)
8. List specific exhibitions and the galleries of those exhibition in chronological order, recent first.
9. The style of the art (This can help put the art made into context and thus, understand it better.)

Critique an Art piece - Include an intro paragraph before the critique paragraph(s).

1. Title of the piece (list this next to the piece)
2. Date of the piece (list this next to the piece)
3. In paragraph form, discuss the artist's interests and ideas and then critique one art piece. How you format your ideas will depend partly on the artistic work and your preferred writing style. Some questions to think about while you are researching are:
 - a. How does the artist use the concepts of design we have been studying?
 - b. What is the artist communicating? (subject or content)
 - c. How is the artist communicating? (subject or form)
 - d. Does the artist's process affect the meaning?
 - e. What about this artist inspires you?
 - f. What can be learned from reading about this artist that isn't seen in the work, yet, affects the work?
 - g. After researching the artist did you find a personal connection to the art or process?
 - h. Is there a difference between student artwork and professional artwork?