

VA Level 1 Narrative Still Life



How have artists used metaphors and illusions to make still lifes so much more than paintings of everyday things?

What metaphors/symbols/ can you use to express something important about you, or your story? What ordinary objects can signify your extraordinary personality, experience, and life?

- 1) Brainstorm and collect at least 3 objects that have personal significance to you. What metaphor or symbolism do they hold? What narratives do they tell?
- 2) Bring in actual objects, or good photographs of the object to work from
- 3) Compose the objects in an interesting arrangement
- 4) Create a drawing in a media of your choice (pen, charcoal, graphite) that demonstrates:
 - a. Careful and close observational study- contour lines, negative shapes, and proportion
 - b. Understanding and application of 6 parts of light and shadow through application of a full value range in chosen media
 - c. Application of technique in chosen media to create desired effects: smooth blending from light to dark, cross contour, hatching, cross hatching, using a wash and erasing, developing layers, etc.
 - d. Understanding and Knowledge of Design through a composition that has variety and unity, interesting use of space, (balance of positive and negative space), high contrast

IDEA Development:

Object Lists	Symbolism/metaphor/narrative: What can this object say about me?
Objects I use every day:	
Objects I admire:	
Objects that tell a story:	
Objects that remind me of my past:	
Objects that symbolize my religious or Spiritual beliefs:	
Objects that symbolize my outlook on life:	
Objects that represent my interest in the arts or academics:	
Objects that symbolize my goals for the future:	
Objects that symbolize or represent my favorite....(book, band, play, video game.....)	
Objects that.....	