

We have spent considerable time exploring how art and the environment are related. We were able to see how the environment has been used as subject matter in art (eg. Hudson River School), how it has been used as medium (eg. Robert Rauschenberg), and how it has inspired various works (eg. Vivaldi). And in all of these artworks, a relationship to the environment is alluded to - the respect O’Keeffe has for the ordinary things of everyday life, for example.

For your final project, you are being asked to compose a personal essay that explores YOUR relationship to the environment.

THE TASK

1. Clarify what YOUR relationship to the environment is. You might want to consider some of the following questions to get you started:
 - a. do you prefer a rural or an urban environment?
 - b. Can humankind live in balance and harmony with its environment?
 - c. How does your gender influence how you relate to the environment?
 - d. Is humankind meant to have dominion over the earth?
 - e. How do you commune with nature?
2. Use the graphic organizers provided to compose a visual essay, in which you
 - a. Clearly state what your relationship to the environment is
 - b. Thoroughly develop your ideas using
 - i. Description
 - ii. Examples
 - iii. Evidence
 - c. Illustrate your ideas with no less than FIVE of the artworks we have covered in class.
3. Put your visual essay together using one of the following
 - a. Prezi
 - b. Powerpoint
 - c. Imovie
 - d. Another program that is approved by the instructor

	Initiative	Craftsmanship	Completion	Content
Distinguished	You used your time effectively - thoroughly exploring various ideas, asking intelligent questions, and seeking out help when needed; no redirection needed	Bravo! Careful attention has been paid to EVERY detail; there is a professional look and feel to the work	You have carefully and thoughtfully met ALL the requirements laid out.	a clear, strong understanding of ALL the concepts is in evidence
Proficient	You used your time effectively for the MOST part; had to be redirected once or twice	Lookin’ good! Attention has been paid to MOST of the details	You have met MOST of the requirements.	A basic understanding of MOST of the concepts is in evidence
Apprentice	You used your time effectively SOME of the time; had to be redirected multiple times	Attention has been paid to SOME of the details	You have met SOME of the requirements.	A basic understanding of SOME of the concepts is in evidence
Novice	Did nothing (or next to nothing) during class time	What a mess!	Did you even read what the task was?	Were you asleep for the past three weeks?

INAPPROPRIATE OR IRRESPONSIBLE USE OF TECHNOLOGY WILL EARN YOU A SCORE OF ZERO.
Proficient is the expected level for all students.

