

The MASK Assignment

Assignment: Make a replica of your own face using plaster bandages. Then, decorate this mask using one of the following themes to guide you:

- Replicate or modernize a traditional mask from your culture.
- Create a mask of your alter ego with exaggerated features and characteristics
- Make a mask of the mask you wear in certain situations or around certain people



Elements & Principles:

Elements: Form, Shape, Color, Texture

Principles: Pattern/Rhythm, Proportion, Variety

Directions:

1. Make at least 5 different thumbnail sketches in your sketchbook. Experiment with each of the different themes and ideas (see above). Narrow your drawings down to the 2 best. Draw them larger and with more detail. Then, pick your favorite and draw it to scale in **COLOR!**
2. Create your mask with a partner. Don't forget to pull your hair back, apply Vaseline to your face and leave holes around the eyes, nostrils and mouth. Let your mask dry.
3. Using cardboard/matt board/paper and tape, create extra elements to add to the mask. Go over these new elements with the plaster bandages.
4. When you have added everything you need, sand your mask down.
5. Apply your first layer of paint or collage.
6. Decorate your mask following your initial design.
7. Write a paragraph (at least 5- 10 sentences in length) that tells the story of your mask.

Criteria:

Well-thought-out concept/idea

Excellent design (including quality thumbnails and final sketch)

Craftsmanship

Creativity (original ideas; no clichés!)

Use of materials to extend and modify the mask

Well-written and thoughtful paragraph "telling the story" of your mask

Effort and Growth

