

Cultural Heritage Project
Grade 9 Art

Step 1: Talk with your family members (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles...) about your cultural heritage. Here are some things to explore, research, or try:

- When did your family come to the United States? From where, how, and why?
- Make a family tree with your family members.
- Search free family tree websites for more information.

Step 2: What sort of design elements originated or have since been inspired in our contemporary American culture from your culture of origins?

- Provide images of patterns, architecture, fashion, art movements...
- Were particular colors or symbols used in imagery?
- Provide historical examples and contemporary design influenced by your culture's design styles. Point out how the contemporary design, furniture, or architecture has been influenced.

Step 3: Collect this information and organize it in your sketchbook. Include notes, printed research, family trees, images, examples...

Step 4: Use this visual information to collect a stockpile of examples of the Elements and Principles of Design to influence your 10"x10" design composition.

Step 5: Practice implementing the Elements and Principles of Design into compositions by creating 10"x10" collages from their collected materials in your sketchbooks.

Step 6: In your sketchbook, create experimental 10"x10" graphite drawings tracing your collages and by re-arranging visual elements.

Step 7: Be prepared to present your findings in combination with your art work at the class critique. Provide visual examples. Draw connections between historical visual information and contemporary visual information.

Throughout the creative process, students should seek constructive feed-back from peers and instructor and revise their work as they choose through self-evaluation. Students will evaluate the use of the Elements and Principles of Design in their peers' compositions during the class critique.

Example: French Image Bank



Nouveau design in Advertisements



Rococo design in Architecture



Nouveau design in Architecture



Art Nouveau & Couture Fashion



Art Nouveau & furniture