

Aesthetic Inventory

The aesthetic inventory is a great exercise for students to gain a better understanding of who they are. The assignment at its core is for students to make some kind of image that represents them aesthetically. Students are suggested to bring in images to collage with as a starting point. Students can learn what subject matters they are drawn to, as well as material and color.

This project is suggested to be the first page of a student's new sketchbook at the beginning of a semester so that they can always refer back to it throughout the semester.

Example:



At its core, the aesthetic inventory is a pressure free exercise for students to do nothing but make something they like. The goal from the teacher is to encourage bravery in their students to really be open with themselves about what they like. It is helpful for this assignment to be done in a sketchbook so that it can be kept private.

The aesthetic inventory has a format, but if a student sees a better way to represent themselves they are encouraged to do so.