

Game Design Summer Assignment

Students who are already in the Game Design concentration, not new 9th graders taking Digital Design & Animation for the first time or students taking the 8th grade Exploring Digital Arts classes, have a summer assignment each year. These instructions are also posted in your current GAD Schoology class page and grading will take place there as well throughout the summer.

Instructions

Over the summer break, you will be expected to continue working on both your digital artistic skills and portfolios as well as doing some reflective thinking about the skills you are working on developing further. To do this, you will need to use some of the free digital creativity tools available to you. If you have not previously downloaded and installed some free tools, you can find lots of options posted on the [Digital Artistic Tools](#) page on the Weebly site. You may choose to focus on 2D, 3D, or both kinds of digital art. However, it is important to understand what the next curriculum in the GAD concentration will focus on before starting as those are the tools you should consider working with whenever possible:

- Digital Design & Animation II - 3D modeling
- Game Art & Design - 2D game development
- Advanced Game Art & Design - 3D game development

So, you might want to focus on artwork specifically relevant for your next course's content. Please note that this assignment is not optional and will be graded *prior* to returning next school year.

Deadline: August 12, 2020

Assignment Requirements

Digital Artistic Tools/Techniques (50 points)

- Download and install a minimum of one free creativity application.
- Work on improving your skill with the techniques we used in class this school year
- Explore new digital techniques and push your creativity past what you learned
- Contains five NEW pieces of artwork completed over the summer, one of which is hand drawn

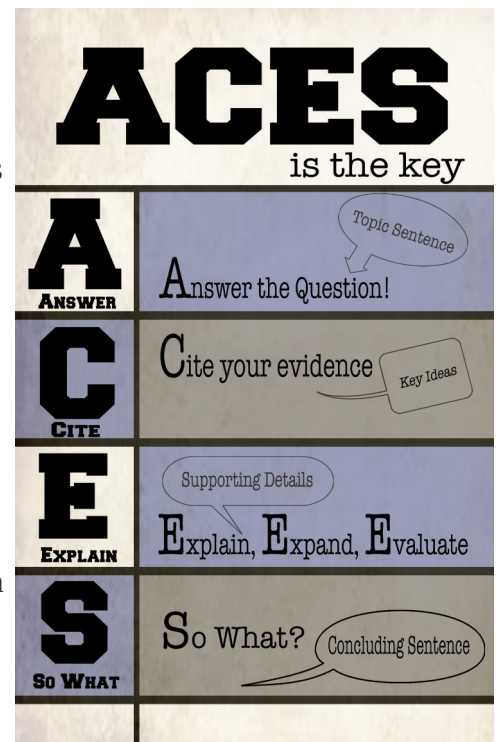
Portfolio Basics (15 points)

- Review and update the content on each page (Home page, About Me page, Selected Works page, Blog page)
- Update skills information on your About Me page to include what you learned this year

- Verify your contact information is correct and works (this will be tested to ensure it works correctly, check email between Aug 13 and the start of school)
- Update your artwork on the Selected Works page with your five best pieces of digital artwork from this summer

Reflective Writing (35 points)

- Write a minimum of three new blog posts
- Post 1 (posted between the end of the end of the school year and June 30) and 2 (posted between the end of June and July 31) should discuss what skills were explored and document the process you went through as you explored them
- Post 3 (posted in August prior to Aug 12) should discuss what excites you most about your upcoming class in the GAD concentration
- Game Reviews are not an option for summer blog posts
- Each post needs to include:
 - Introductory statement identifying the skill or technique being explored
 - Evidence supporting this statement documenting the process used along with a reflection about what was learned
 - Use appropriate technical writing conventions (spelling, grammar and sentence structure)
 - Contains the following category at minimum: Summer Assignment
 - Bulleted summary at end of post
 - Contains at minimum one piece of artwork relevant to the skill or technique being discussed to help explain the written content
 - Reference section at bottom formatted in MLA with links to online resources used in learning the technique being discussed



Remember you should write using the ACES writing process.

Grading

All portfolios will be examined the week prior to the start of school. Contact information will be verified as working based on student responding to a message sent using the contact information provided on the portfolio. ***This grade will count as your first portfolio check for the upcoming school year.*** Questions? Email: Robert_Bourgeois@dpsnc.net

Rubric

<p>Portfolio Basics Portfolio contains all four of the basic required pages meeting all design requirements and updated as instructed Points are spread across required updates per page</p>					
<p>15 Contains the following pages: Homepage, About Me, Selected Works, Blog; all pages updated to reflect current information; skills page updated to include skills gained in previous class; changed the date of last update on the homepage; student responded to prompt sent using contact information</p>					
<p>Digital Artistic Techniques Student demonstrates continued work on improving their digital artistic skills and knowledge Each piece of artwork is worth 10 points</p>					
<p>50 Selected Works page contains five new pieces of artwork completed over the summer; one piece of artwork is hand drawn and demonstrates clear practice with drawing skills; each piece includes the following information: title, software used, date posted</p>	<p>40 Selected Works page contains four new pieces of artwork completed over the summer; one piece of artwork is hand drawn and demonstrates clear practice with drawing skills; each piece includes the following information: title, software used, date posted</p>	<p>30 Selected Works page contains three new pieces of artwork completed over the summer; one piece of artwork is hand drawn and demonstrates clear practice with drawing skills; each piece includes the following information: title, software used, date posted</p>	<p>20 Selected Works page contains two new pieces of artwork completed over the summer; one piece of artwork is hand drawn and demonstrates clear practice with drawing skills; each piece includes the following information: title, software used, date posted</p>	<p>10 Selected Works page contains one new piece of artwork completed over the summer; piece includes the following information: title, software used, date posted</p>	<p>0 No artwork posted over the summer</p>
<p>Reflective Writing Student continues to reflect upon the learning process and digital artistic tools being explored Each post is worth 10 points, required category is worth 5 points</p>					
<p>35 Blog contains a <i>minimum</i> of</p>		<p>20 Blog contains two summertime</p>		<p>35 Blog contains one summertime</p>	

<p>three summertime blog posts; each post provides excellent reflection on skills focused on since the previous post; contains Summer Assignment category; bullet list summary at bottom of post; contains one original piece of summertime artwork demonstrating skill being discussed; contains properly formatted references to online resources used; uses correct technical writing conventions; each post made prior to instructed deadline</p>	<p>blog posts; each post provides excellent reflection on skills focused on since the previous post; contains Summer Assignment category; bullet list summary at bottom of post; contains one original piece of summertime artwork demonstrating skill being discussed; contains properly formatted references to online resources used; uses correct technical writing conventions; each post made prior to instructed deadline</p>	<p>blog post; post provides excellent reflection on skills; contains Summer Assignment category; bullet list summary at bottom of post; contains one original piece of summertime artwork demonstrating skill being discussed; contains properly formatted references to online resources used; uses correct technical writing conventions; each post made prior to instructed deadline</p>
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