## Composition

There are many ways to organize an artwork and one needs to be aware of the fact that creating a composition is part of one's job as an artist. Be aware that you need to arrange items in the artwork intentionally. These are a FEW examples.



**Open Composition** – The objects extend beyond the edges of the picture plane.



**Closed Composition -** The objects in the picture plane are held within the edges of the picture plane.



**No Horizon** – The composition has no division that separates the ground from the sky.



**Rule of Thirds** – The picture plane is broken into 3 columns and 3 rows. The focal point is located at one of the 4 intersections that are formed



**Left Heavy or Right Heavy** - Objects are heavy on the Left or the Right. (Above is Left Heavy.)



Horizontal, Vertical, or Diagonal - Objects are arranged left to right, up or down, or on an angle.

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## # 4H Communication & Performing Arts

Categories	Strong	Good	Basic	Requires Attention		
Execution  • Mastery of & Experimental use of Materials  • Care of Picture Plane  • Neatness or Product	□Exceptional use of material. □Strong use of revisions, observation. □Strong use of multiple approaches. □Strong sense of safe & proper use of materials.	□Good use of materials. □Research, observation, manipulation & revision. □Multiple approaches to material use. □Good sense of safe & proper use of materials.	□Basic use of the materials is seen. □Some revision, research, or observation. □Singular in approach to material use. □Basic demonstration of safe & use of materials.	□ Further development of skills in material use is needed. □ Further reflections needed in art making. □ Further development needed in manipulating materials. □ Further need of safe & proper use of materials.		
Composition  Organize / Develop Ideas & Artwork  Use of Elements & Principles Figure Ground / Activate Background	□Strong connection with self, society, or culture. □Evocative, engaging. □Strong consideration of picture plane. □Multiple ways to begin making art.	□Making connections with self, society, or culture. □Some originality, intrigue. □Good & thoughtful consideration of picture plane. □Begin making art with 2 or 3 ideas.	□Some connections to self, social, or cultural ideas. □Basic but limited intentions seen in imagery. □Some consideration of picture plane. □Begin making art an idea.	□Development needed in connection beyond project. □Needs further compositional development. □Further consideration of picture plane is needed. □Beginning art through ideas of others.		
Elements: Line, Shape, Form, Color, Value, Texture, Space Principles: Balance, Contrast, Emphasis, Movement, Rhythm, Pattern, Unity						
Character  Use of studio time  Attitude  Responsible use of tools  Respect of others	□Experimentation, practice, & skill acquisition seen. □Clear personal "voice" ringing out in work. □Strong consideration of art / skills can be used in life.	□ Practice, acquisition of skills & knowledge. □ Variety of intentions, "voice" discernable □ Some consideration of how art / skills can be used in life.	□Skill acquisition sometimes apparent. □Confidence / "voice" emerging at time. □Basic thoughts of art as assignment.	□Further focus on skill development needed. □Easily distracted by things not related to art □Further understanding of need for art in life		