

# Six Keys to Studying for Art



## **Manage Your Time**

Make a plan to study nightly even if it is only for 5 or 10 minutes. Use “to-do” lists, your agenda, a calendar (digital or regular), or a notebook to record assignments. Plan study time around social, family, and extra-curricular commitments. Make effective use of your time!



## **Update Your Developmental Workbook**

Follow the teacher directions for the format of your developmental workbook. Keep the workbook updated and in order to use for reference. The DW functions as a source for research, a portfolio, and a resource. Reflection and analysis are an important part of art skills development.



## **Understand Art Vocabulary**

Make flashcards, use online vocabulary games, play games with flashcards, and review vocabulary activities. Learn more than just the term and definition. Be able to re-phrase the definition, use the definition in an example, and identify correct and incorrect uses of the vocabulary. Pay attention to art examples and skill sets using vocabulary.



## **Practice, Practice, Practice**

Use art skills in other classes for projects when the option is offered. Make a studio area at home, even if it is a “studio box or bag” of your art supplies. Keep your art notebook or drawing tablet with you at all times. Practice your skills when you have “down time.” Make effective use of your time by practicing in during “wait” periods. Experiment with materials and skills while you practice.



## **Review the Big Concepts and World Connections**

Learn concepts of culture, time period, and historical significance of artists, art forms, art ideas, and art periods. Research artists and how their location and time period influenced their art. Review the “big concepts” of art including communication, personal influence, symbolism, and any concept taught by your teacher.



## **Use Your Resources**

Use the FMS Library Blog resources including research, writing, and subject area sections. Teacher notes, projects, textbook studies, and online resources can be used to review art concepts. Visit art museums and art galleries, talk to artists, and attend special events for primary resources.