

# **Symbolic Still Life**

Artists have drawn from still-life for centuries. A still-life includes all different kinds of man-made and natural objects such as flowers, fruits, glass bottles, fabrics, and so on. Typically, an artist will set up a still life, pick a designated drawing spot, and draw the objects exactly how they see them. A still-life can be a celebration of materials and for this assignment we are celebrating you!



You are going to create a **Symbolic still life**, and draw it. Grab **at least** 5 objects from around the house that <u>express who you are</u>. This can be food you like, items you collect, articles from your bedroom, etc. Place them in an interesting composition and draw what you see!

### Part 1: Gather your symbolic objects & set up your still life.

- Find at least 5 objects that represent you or are important to you.
- Set up your items in an interesting way on a clean surface like a table or dresser.

## Part 2: Grab your paper & drawing materials and pick your view point.

- Drawing a still life takes a bit of time. You might have to get up and take a break during. Make sure to remember the spot where you were drawing from.
- Work on a flat surface.

- Draw lightly with pencil! If you want to add another material, wait till all the main lines are drawn.



#### Part 3: Begin Drawing.

- Start with the outside shape of the objects. Once you have the shapes in, then you can focus on details.
- Look at the way the objects sit. They are going to overlap each other and you might not see entire object.
- Save Value (highlights & shadows) for last.

What's most important?

ALWAYS TRY YOUR BEST! Remember that drawing takes practice and every time you draw, you are improving your skills!

<u>Part 4:</u> Take 1 photo of your drawing, and send it to me through REMIND or my school email @

## **BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN THE EMAIL!!!**

# **Examples:**



