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Contemporary Artist Review

Product: A power point presentation of a contemporary artist that sparks your interest. Look for work that feels fresh or inventive.

Periodical Resources: Art Forum, Artist Magazine, and Communication Arts Illustration Annuals.

Images may be scanned from the magazine using Photoshop or you may look on-line for gallery representation (be sure to include the URL and gallery information in your presentation). Image clarity is of primary importance – we have to see what you are discussing. Your presentation will be approximately 5 minutes long. There should be one image per page, we want to see the art rather than here about it. Your notes below are required.

Yes	No	Presentation Requirements:
		Artist Name
		Brief background including current gallery representation
		Artistic goals or artistic concerns
		Media
		Subject matter
		4+ images of the artists work – include titles, dimensions, media and year
		What aspect of this artist style or personal artist concern do you find influential?
		How will you approach your work to reflect this influence?
		What is your communication goal with your own work?

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Influential Artist _____

Insert a visual sample of their work below – include details

Assignment: Generating your own symbolic imagery

Consider the goals you have created through your presentation and analysis of your featured artist.

Create 4 **well developed** sketches exploring compositions that reflect this artist's influence. Minimum sketch size 4 x 4 inches – attach the completed sketches to this sheet.

Look at your sketches and ask yourself the following questions about each:

1. Does the composition work for my piece or is it boring? (Objects in the middle of the page tend to be dull.)
2. Does each part of the piece look completed or do some areas look less considered? Is there enough detail?
3. Does my sketch reflect the best of my ability? How does it look from far away, in a mirror?
4. Does the background complement the subject matter?
5. Do I have a full range of value and color?

The sketches will be critiqued by the group based on these questions – you will have one week to complete a final piece and add your sketches and the final work to your original power point presentation.

Use the digital camera to keep records – you may email files to yourself.