

"Reaching a 'creative' state of mind through positive action is considered preferable to waiting for 'inspiration'." Minor White

"Not that it's difficult to photograph mundane things, but it's difficult to see them as significant. ... The hard thing to do of course is to find a way to photograph a mundane subject or a mundane event in a way that makes it exciting." Brooks Jensen

Paper Assignment

- Apply IMAGINATION, EXPERIMENTATION, LIGHTING, and composition to make an engaging photo using a mundane object – paper – for the subject.
- Photograph from multiple angles and think about what camera settings and lighting might make your vision stand out. Shoot a minimum of 24 exposures outside of classtime to earn an average score. More is better.
- Avoid clichés – hearts, paper airplanes, cranes, boats, hats, cutesy stuff, burning paper (burnt can be okay), etc.

Things to try

- **Materials** – plain copy paper, art paper, notebook paper, newspaper, paper bags, old books and magazines, maps, receipts, old homework and assignments/handouts, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, etc.
- **Alter the paper** – cut, fold, bend, rip, wrinkle, wad, pierce, curl, spiral, tie, staple, clip, tape, burn, wet, mark on, write on, spill on, smear, stain, abrade, frottage
- **Size & Placement** – stack paper, lean paper, cover things with paper, make paper fill the photo and seem huge; bury, throw, float, drop, wash, hang, balance; juxtapose paper in an interesting way with something else
- **Use** – as a screen (think shadow puppetry with light projected from behind, or a movie screen), as a backdrop, as a "flag" (something that throws a shadow), as a frame or border, as a container, as a mask
- **Light** – front light it, side light it, back light it, top light it, bottom light it

Plain on Plain. For at least two dozen photos, use plain paper on a similar colored background (white paper on white, etc.) In these photos, the intentional use of lighting and composition will be paramount.

Creativity Counts. Use any type or combination of papers, use old photos and prints of your own/your family's, make prints to use in your photos, use doodles & drawings – go for it.