

Metallic Relief Personal Identity

For this project, you will create a symbolic representation of yourself. The imagery will depict your past, present, and future. Who are you? What is your cultural and family history? What goals are you striving to reach? The final work will be a textural, metallic, relief sculpture constructed from cardboard and other mixed media materials. Be creative, be unique, be yourself!!!

- 1. Brainstorm- List ideas on a sheet of paper. Think of events, memories, symbols, words. Dreams, etc. that could represent your past, present and future.**
- 2. Sketch-Using your brainstorm list, create images that represent your past, present and future. Arrange your images on a 12" x 18" white paper. Use rules of strong composition (variety in size, repetition of shape, creating diagonals, layering, positive and negative space, etc.).**
Examples...
Past- cultural background, family, childhood memories, symbols, etc.
Present- activities, sports, school, current hobbies, and trends, etc.
Future- goals, aspirations, dreams, etc.
- 3. Construction- Use a 9" x 12" piece of cardboard as a background. Use another 9" x 12" piece of cardboard to create and cut out the images. You may transfer the images from your sketch to your cardboard. Construct each image as an individual. DO NOT GLUE YOUR INDIVIDUAL IMAGES TO THE BACKGROUND YET.**
- 4. Texture- Apply at least five different textures to your images to create visual interest. Be creative and think variety!!!!**
- 5. Paint- Use black latex paint to cover each image and the background. Don't forget the edges!!!**
- 6. Continue Construction- Begin to assemble the images as they will appear on the final piece. THINK RELIEF! THINK LAYERS!!! Work from the background to the foreground.**

7. RUB'N'BUFF- Use a SMALL AMOUNT of Rub'n Buff to create a metallic finish. A LITTLE DAB WILL DO YA!!! Apply the metallic finish lightly over the top layer of texture. The black paint will show through in areas to create an antique look.