

## Creating a VISUAL-VERBAL Essay

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This is different from a formal, critical-literary essay. This form of interacting with a text requires you to create a picture/series of pictures, and intersperse direct quotes and personal comments within the framework of the picture(s). There is a final, short written explanation to finish off the assignment.

### **THE PICTURE**

You must first identify a theme that you want to represent. Once chosen, you must plan what sort of picture(s) would best represent the ideas and issues connected to the theme. The pictures could be literal representations or figurative images of those ideas. You must plan how the picture(s) will fit onto the page, making sure that the quotes can somehow be woven into the layout.

### **DIRECT QUOTES**

Choose five quotes from any sources that directly relate and comment on the theme you are portraying. These quotes must be planted somewhere into the design of your visual-verbal essay. The more subtly they can be incorporated, the better the design is.

### **PERSONAL COMMENTS**

Create five of your own quotes reflecting on the nature of the theme you are portraying. You are free to adapt or paraphrase other literature or comments in the creation of your own. These five comments should also be worked into the layout design in as subtle a way as possible.

### **EXPLANATION**

On the backside of the picture(s), you need to write an explanation of the drawing and why you chose and created the quotes that you did. This explanation should be no more than 150 words.