

2022 AP® Drawing

Sustained Investigation

Row D-Score 2

Written Evidence

Writing Prompt #1:

Identify the question(s) or inquiry that guided your sustained investigation.

Writing Prompt #2:

Describe how your sustained investigation shows evidence of practice, experimentation, and revision guided by your question(s) or inquiry.

Student Response

As a young woman and as a feminist, I inquired about the histories and qualities of the women in positions to enact change who lived in confining environments. I explored the plight of women, the power of women, and the plight-turned-to-power of women. Through portraiture, how can I portray the treatment of historical and mythological women who have countered the traditional and generally restrictive borders of femininity?

Needlework was taught to women at an early age to prepare them for marriage and to reflect stereotypically feminine traits. My experimentation with needlework (1,4,8,10,11,12) juxtaposes these traditional uses, portraying women non-traditionally or conveying the hardship that is often associated with women gaining power. I investigated images of Mary from both European and indigenous Latin cultures (1,9,15). I researched both religious and secular symbolism and altered them (7,8,10). I explored the sectioning of women to depict pain and an incomplete nature to their identities (1,2,6,8,10,11)



Image 1
Sustained Investigation

Height: 10.9 inches

Width: 12.5 inches

Material(s): Acrylic paint and embroidery on chipboard

Process(es): Sectioned face of Mary, painted burdened cast and religious attire, embroidered

Christian symbols



Image 2 Sustained Investigation

Height: 14.0 inches

Width: 11.0 inches

Material(s): Colored pencil on paper Yarn and acrylic paint on cloth

Process(es): Sectioned Hypatia due to her violent death for beliefs, incorporated her discoveries like astrolabe



Image 3
Sustained Investigation

Height: 11.5 inches

Width: 5.80 inches

Material(s): Acrylic paint on

chipboard

Process(es): Painted a scene representing Garden of Eden, depicted event sequence of Adam

and Lilith in conflict



Image 4 Sustained Investigation

Height: 8.40 inches

Width: 9.00 inches

Material(s): Hand-sewn cloth and

pencil on cloth

Process(es): Drew Ophelia with eyes open to counter the Victorian Era obsession with dead, submissive women



Image 5
Sustained Investigation

Height: 11.1 inches

Width: 7.50 inches

Material(s): Collage of printed digital drawing and found image of frame

on cardstock

Process(es): Drew Lilith rarely holding baby and head of Adam, placed frame over, attached to a

wall-like paper



Image 6 Sustained Investigation

Height: 22.0 inches

Width: 27.8 inches

Material(s): Pen and coffee on paper

Process(es): Chose bag to portray objectification, sectioned head, drew hair, dripped coffee to resemble

blood



Image 7
Sustained Investigation

Height: 18.5 inches

Width: 25.8 inches

Material(s): Acrylic paint and oil colored pencil on cardboard

Process(es): Replaced virgin, deity, and baptist figures with Puerto Rican birth control trials leaders



Image 8 Sustained Investigation

Height: 10.8 inches

Width: 5.25 inches

Material(s): Pencil, marker, and

embroidery on cloth

Process(es): Placed Vibia Sabina under the globus cruciger to represent dominion and poor treatment from Hadrian



Image 9
Sustained Investigation

Height: 25.5 inches

Width: 16.5 inches

Material(s): Thread and found prints

on hanger

Process(es): Made Virgin of San Juan figures, chose hanger to address abortion in Texas and

Mexico and post-Roe



Image 10 Sustained Investigation

Height: 17.5 inches

Width: 10.1 inches

Material(s): Oil paint, oil colored pencil, and embroidery on cloth

canvas

Process(es): Framed Lucretia with arch, embroidered heart with knife, separated virgin symbol due to her

rape



Image 11 Sustained Investigation

Height: 19.5 inches

Width: 19.4 inches

Material(s): Hand-sewn cloth and

watercolor on cloth

Process(es): Sewed flowers around

a decaying body to express

flourishing after suffering and gain

after loss



Image 12 Sustained Investigation

Height: 20.0 inches

Width: 1.40 inches

Material(s): Yarn and fabric

Process(es): Braided grey yarn resembling older hair, fashioned traditional Korean daenggi worn by

maidens around



Image 13
Sustained Investigation

Height: 13.6 inches

Width: 10.0 inches

Material(s): Monoprint on paper

Process(es): Inspired by Joan of Arc by Millais, monoprinted a more modern Joan of Arc to resemble

myself



Image 14 Sustained Investigation

Height: 13.6 inches

Width: 10.6 inches

Material(s): Monoprint on paper

Process(es): Inspired by Panthéon IV by dArc, monoprinted a blue, gloomy scene of Joan of Arc

burning at stake



Image 15
Sustained Investigation

Height: 13.1 inches

Width: 6.90 inches

Material(s): Colored pencil and acrylic paint on cardboard

Process(es): Researched retablos, drew Guadalupe consoling a girl, made religious archway, wrote personal insight

Sustained Investigation: Analytic Scoring Rubric and Score Rationale

Row D-Score 2

Analytic Scoring Rubric Row D: 2-D/3-D/Drawing Art and Design Skills		
1	2	3
Visual evidence of rudimentary and moderate 2-D/3-D/Drawing skills.	Visual evidence of moderate and good 2-D/3-D/Drawing skills.	Visual evidence of good and advanced 2-D/3-D/Drawing skills.

Score Rationale

This portfolio shows visual evidence of moderate and good drawing skills using various media and approaches. The confident and creative approach to using such a wide range of materials and techniques is seen most successfully in images 1, 6, 10, and 14. Image 1 demonstrates a practiced and proficient use of light and shade paired with an intricate and experimental application of hand embroidery to render the face of Mary. Painterly marks paired with the delicate qualities of gold embroidery on fabric create an interesting juxtaposition of approach and concept. We see a similar approach in image 10, where the artist combines oil paint and embroidered fabric to convey narrative. The combination of mark-making in the embroidered fabric and soft attention to form in the painting is a fantastic concept and shows thoughtful inquiry. Yet, the control of light and shade in the figure and her hands does not fully develop and is proficient. Image 6 shows a good example of line-based mark-making to capture the hair of the figure on the conceptually thoughtful surface of the torn bag. While the idea for this piece is insightful, the cropping of the face creates an awkward composition, and the use of line to define the hair could benefit from some different weight and quality to employ space and form within the work. We see proficient use of additive and subtractive mark-making and manipulation of light and shade in the ghostly monoprint in image 14. The range of marks in this work is wonderful, but the use of light and shade creates a flat sense of space and a somewhat confusing composition. While the inquiry and ideation in this sustained investigation are exquisite, and much of the work in this portfolio is proficient, there are numerous examples of moderate drawing skills (images 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, and 15). Advanced concepts guide the development of the investigation; however, the drawing skills to convey these ideas are adequate. The fabric flowers to frame the face in work 4 are inventive, but the tonal qualities of the drawing are too subtle to compete with the contrast and physical texture of the flowers. The use of embroidery floss in work 8 creates a wonderfully tactile mark, but pencil application on fabric does not become line or tone, making the form in the work nondescript and unresolved. While conceptually works 9 and 12 connect clearly to the sustained investigation, neither adequately address proficient drawing issues.

Overall, this portfolio of work shows a clear synthesis of the choice of materials, processes, and ideas. Yet, the visual evidence exemplifies a range of moderate and good drawing skills.







Image 8

Sustained Investigation Score: Row A: Score 3 • Row B: Score 3/2 • Row C: Score 3 • Row D: Score 2