AP® Art and Design
Scoring Guidelines
Sustained Investigation

From the 2022 AP Exam Administration
# Sustained Investigation Rubric

## General Scoring Note
When applying the rubric, the score for each row should be considered independently from the other rows. Student work may receive different scores for each row.
When applying the rubric for each individual row, you should award the score for that row based solely upon the criteria indicated for that row, according to the preponderance of evidence.

Rows include additional decision rules used during the AP Art and Design Reading.

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<td>Inquiry</td>
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<td>Writing Prompt 1: Identify the question(s) or inquiry that guided your sustained investigation.</td>
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<td>Written evidence identifies an inquiry, but visual evidence does not relate to that inquiry.</td>
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<td>Written evidence does not identify an inquiry.</td>
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<td>Visual evidence demonstrates the sustained investigation.</td>
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## Decision Rules and Scoring Notes

Read the student response to **writing prompt 1**.

*Is there an inquiry (seek, search, discover) in the writing?*

If no, award 1 point.

If yes, move to criteria for score point 2.

Read the student response to **writing prompt 1**.

*Does the inquiry (seek, search, discover) in the writing relate (connect) to the visual evidence?*

If yes, move to score point 3 criteria.

If no (for either or both) award 1 point.

Read the student response to **writing prompt 1**.

*Does the inquiry (seek, search, discover) in the writing guide (lead) the SI?*

If no, award 2 points.

If yes, award 3 points.
### Practice, Experimentation, and Revision

**Writing Prompt 2:** Describe how your sustained investigation shows evidence of practice, experimentation, and revision guided by your question(s) or inquiry.

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<td>Visual evidence of practice, experimentation, OR revision; however, visual evidence does not relate to a sustained investigation.</td>
<td>Visual evidence of practice, experimentation, OR revision relates to the sustained investigation. AND Written evidence relates to the visual evidence of practice, experimentation, OR revision.</td>
<td>Visual evidence of practice, experimentation, AND revision demonstrates development of the sustained investigation. AND Written evidence describes how the sustained investigation shows evidence of practice, experimentation, OR revision.</td>
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- Does the visual evidence of PER relate (connect) to a SI?
  - If no, award 1 point.
  - If yes, move to criteria for score point 2.
- Does the visual evidence of PER relate (connect) to the SI?
  - Does the writing relate (connect) to the visual evidence of PER?
    - *Read the student response to writing prompt 2.*
    - If no (for either or both), award 1 point.
    - If yes (for both), move to score point 3 criteria.
- Does the visual evidence of PER (all three) demonstrate development (furthering, advancing) of the SI?
  - Does the writing describe how the SI shows PER?
    - *Read the student response to writing prompt 2.*
    - If no (for either or both), award 2 points.
    - If yes (for both), award 3 points.
### Materials, Processes, and Ideas

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<td><strong>Little to no</strong> evidence of <strong>visual relationships</strong> among materials, processes, <strong>OR</strong> ideas.</td>
<td><strong>Visual relationships</strong> among materials, processes, <strong>OR</strong> ideas are <strong>evident</strong>.</td>
<td><strong>Visual relationships</strong> among materials, processes, <strong>AND</strong> ideas are <strong>clearly evident and demonstrate synthesis</strong>.</td>
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#### Decision Rules and Scoring Notes

|   | **Is there evidence of **visual relationships** among materials, processes, **OR** ideas?**<br>**If no, award 1 point**<br>**If yes, move to criteria for score point 2.**<br>**In this row, student writing is not scored but may inform the visual evidence.**<br>**Are the **visual relationships** among materials, processes, **OR** ideas clearly evident?**<br>**If no, award 2 points.**<br>**If yes, move to score point 3 criteria.**<br>**In this row, student writing is not scored but may inform the visual evidence.**<br>**Are the visual relationships** among materials, processes, **AND** ideas clearly evident and **demonstrate synthesis** (coalescence/integration of materials, processes, and ideas)?<br>**If no (for either or both), award 2 points.**<br>**If yes (for both), award 3 points.**<br>**In this row student writing is not scored but may inform the visual evidence.** |
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### 2-D/3-D/Drawing Art and Design Skills

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<td><strong>Visual evidence of rudimentary and moderate</strong> 2-D/3-D/Drawing skills.</td>
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<td><strong>Visual evidence of good and advanced</strong> 2-D/3-D/Drawing skills.</td>
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|   | **Does the visual evidence include some works with **good** (proficient) skills?**<br>**If no, award 1 point.**<br>**If yes, move to criteria for score point 2.**<br>**Does the visual evidence include some works with advanced (highly developed) skills?**<br>**If no, award 2 points.**<br>**If yes, move to criteria for score point 3.**<br>**Does the visual evidence across all works include a range of good (proficient) to advanced (highly developed) skills?**<br>**If no, award 2 points.**<br>**If yes, award 3 points.** |
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### AP Art and Design Sustained Investigation Rubric Terminology

**(in order of appearance in rubric)**

**Sustained Investigation:** an inquiry-based and in-depth study of materials, processes, and ideas over time

**Inquiry:** the process of asking questions in order to seek, to search, and to discover

**Written Evidence:** the written components that accompany the student’s works of art and design

**Visual Evidence:** the visual components that make up the student’s works of art and design

**Identify:** Indicate or provide information

**Relates:** having relationships and/or connections between

**Demonstrate:** to make evident

**Indicate:** to show, suggest, point out

**Guides:** the Inquiry leads the process of making works of art and design

**Practice:** the repeated use of materials, processes, and/or ideas

**Experimentation:** testing materials, processes, and/or ideas

**Revision:** making a change, correction, or improvement

**Development:** the furthering or advancing of an inquiry in a sustained investigation (through in-depth exploration of materials, processes, and ideas)

**Materials:** physical substances used to make works of art and design

**Processes:** physical and conceptual activities including applications involved with making works of art and design

**Ideas:** concepts to make works of art and design (evident visually or in writing)

**Relationships:** connections

**Synthesis:** coalescence/integration of materials, processes, AND ideas

**Skills:** abilities

**Rudimentary:** emerging or undeveloped

**Moderate:** adequate

**Good:** proficient

**Advanced:** highly developed

**2-D skills:** use of two-dimensional elements and principles—point, line, shape, plane, layer, form, space, texture, color, value, opacity, transparency, time; unity, variety, rhythm, movement, proportion, scale, balance, emphasis, contrast, repetition, figure/ground relationship, connection, juxtaposition, hierarchy

**3-D skills:** use of three-dimensional elements and principles—point, line, shape, plane, layer, form, space, mass, volume, texture, color, value, opacity, transparency, time; unity, variety, rhythm, movement, proportion, scale, balance, emphasis, contrast, repetition, figure/ground relationship, connection, juxtaposition, hierarchy

**Drawing skills:** use of mark-making, line, surface, space, light and shade, composition