

UNITY

Visual **Unity** is one of the most important aspects of well-designed art. You will plan how to **unify your** design, but first we will identify how other artists have created **UNITY** in their works of art. **Unity** provides the cohesive quality that makes an artwork feel complete and finished. When all of the elements in a work look as though they belong together, the artist has achieved **unity**. Here are a few of the most common ways that artists achieve **UNITY**.

WAYS TO GET IT:

PROXIMITY: clustering elements or placing them close together.

CONTINUATION: lining up edges of elements vertically or horizontally, according to some sort of (invisible) grid system.

OVERALL SURFACE TREATMENT: the entire surface is treated the same, for example, it is all textured, or all layered, or all swirling with brush strokes.

REPETITION: the repeating of any element--line, shape, form, color, value, space, texture. For example, consistently hard edges, overall intense color, or repeated similar shapes.

DOMINANT COLOR: when a work of art is primarily created from one color or color family.

VaRiETy

PLEASE DON'T BORE YOUR VIEWERS.

Artists create variety to maintain the viewer's interest. Varying sizes, direction or types of lines, shapes, forms, colors, values, textures, patterns, and spaces can create variety.

1) **Choose a visual artwork at your table.** Answer the questions below. Begin by **observing, thinking, and writing** alone.

2) **Share** your answers about your artwork within your group.

3) Within your group **discuss** and **decide** which visual has the best use of unity and variety. Be able to **defend** your answer with proof. Fill out an additional worksheet for the group artwork.

4) Choose a representative to **present** the findings of the group to the class at the end of the period.



Artist:

Title of Artwork:

Ways that **Unity** was achieved:

Ways that **Variety** was achieved:

What do you think of this artwork? What associations with your life does it create? (What does it remind you of?)

How does it make you feel? Why?