

Fire Drill Assignment

Option #1:

Still Life Assignment

What is a still life?

This is a great assignment because you can use anything to create a still life. A still life is a group of random things that you can find sitting around that you arrange in an interesting way and then completely leave it alone, so it stays “still”. Then, you bring it to life with your drawing.

Example:



In this still life example, someone chose to arrange a tea pot, plain cup, and an old shoe to use as the subject for their drawing. They kept the set up “still” so they could come back and draw whenever they had a chance.

Step 1:

Choose a set of random objects to arrange the set up for your still life drawing. This is way more fun if you choose items that are at least interesting to you. Find a spot where the items can be left alone and arrange them in a fun and creative way.

Step 2 (optional):

If you want to test your artistic skills, include some dramatic lighting for cool shadows and highlights. To do this, turn off a main light, and add a lamp or something to cast light wherever you want it to be. If you are still new with your artistic skills, you can leave this step out.

Step 3:

Draw the basic outlines of the shapes of the objects that you have used for your still life. Do not spend a ton of time on this. You are just trying to get the basic shapes down to get the placement and sizes right at this point.

Step 4:

Add some details and bring it to life. Take your time and pay attention to as many details as possible. What textures can you try to recreate? Where is the light hitting and creating a highlight on the objects? Where are the shadows falling making the darkest areas? Taking your time with the shading will make it look like it is coming to life on the page.

Option #2:

Creativity sketchbook assignment

Draw a picture of the following items unified in some way within a composition. The composition MUST include all of the objects and above all else, be creative and create a cool scene!

*Mailbox

*Dog

*Pencil

*Basketball

*Tractor