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Dear incoming AP art student,

Welcome to the class! A lot of the things I'm going to tell you are probably going to seem repetitive from the other letters you'll be reading but that's because those things are completely true, but even with all the warnings, you will still definitely enjoy this class, it's fun, but you do also need to be prepared, the big thing is, DO. NOT. PROCRASTINATE. I'm not saying I didn't do it my fair share of times but it simply will never benefit you. You might have other things going on that are taking up your time, but try to find moments to work on your art because it's better when you're able to take your time and not have to cram your piece into a night or two. This comes with time management, which is hard sometimes, but you can work on it.

Give yourself the time that you need for your art. This can be difficult especially when you get stuck and don't know where to start. My advice in those moments is to just start, once you've started at least to sketch things you can start to add more meanings and ideas to it, revision is good so don't be afraid to do that, it's even something you can document in your progress images and writing. Doing that also allows for you to expand your SI in ways you maybe hadn't thought of before.

But overall, enjoy your time, enjoy making art, because at the end of the day, no matter how much you stress about it, it's your art so you have freedom about it and you very rarely get that in other classes.