

**WRITING ASSIGNMENT 1: ARTIST STATEMENT**  
Grade Weight: 5%

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**DUE:** Thursday, Nov. 30

Write an artist statement outlining your intended ideas, themes, and research surrounding your independent studio project. The statement will contextualize your work, motivations, inspiration and research.

HOW TO WRITE AND STRUCTURE YOUR STATEMENT

Artist Statements can come in many forms - some are formally structured, while others might even look like a poem. For this writing assignment, the focus is going to be slightly more academic, encouraging you to focus on articulating your ideas and motivations. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

Statement Length – should be two to three paragraphs, no more than one page.

First paragraph: Introduce your concept.

- Outline the ideas that you are investigating
- Explain why these ideas are interesting/ intriguing/ meaningful for you

Second paragraph (and third if you want): Discuss your subject matter and media

- Provide reasons and explanations for your decisions
- How do the media/materials you choose to work with, connect with the ideas you are exploring?
- How does the subject matter/content of your work relate to your ideas?

Final paragraph: A concluding paragraph that might include what you hope viewers will take away from your work, overall goals, motivations, etc.

**PART ONE: DRAFT ARTIST STATEMENT**

**DUE:** Tuesday Nov. 7

- Compose the first draft of your statement.
- In-person feedback will be given from the instructor, to help students prepare to write their final statements

**PART TWO: FINAL ARTIST STATEMENT**

**DUE:** Thursday Nov. 30

- Look back at the first draft of your statement. Have your ideas and/or project shifted? What feedback have you received? Taking into consideration these factors, re-write your statement to better reflect your new ideas, vision and understanding of the project and conceptual ideas.

**ASSIGNMENT BREAKDOWN / GRADING RUBRIC**

- 75% Content – A concise statement that presents your ideas clearly and identifies the what, how and why of your work.
- 25% Writing - Good flow and organization, correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling.