

ASSIGNMENT: Visual Phenomena & Painting Strategies

It's important to accept the fact that these assignments will be a minefield of discovery. As Jerome Bruner says, "Discovery favors the prepared mind". Be prepared for initial failures and accept them as part of the process; not as your inadequacies. If, however, you fail to learn from your mistakes, we may have to use more brutal means!

Step #1: Cut a half sheet of WC paper into 8 smaller pieces.
Step #2: Soak and dry all 8 pieces.
Step #3: Read first assignment. Take 5 minutes to map a painting strategy. This may be discussed with other members of the class.
Step #4: Present a strategy for solving this problem.
Step #5: School solution.
Step #6: Paint the assignment.

Paint each of the following phenomena after addressing the painting strategy to be used in each painting.

1. Paint the illusion of two transparent films over a colored shape. Identify where you might find films in nature. Critique.
2. Using the identical format to the first assignment, paint the illusion of a white veil over the original colored shapes. Think of the veil as a piece of tracing paper. Identify where you find veils in nature. Follow steps #3-#5. Critique..
- 3, Create the illusion of 4 white index cards suspended in a colored liquid. Follow steps #3-#5. How does this assignment relate to assignment #1? Where do you find this in nature? Critique.
4. Create the illusion of colored index cards immersed in a white atmosphere. Where do you find this phenomenon in nature? Critique.
5. Create the illusion of a white spotlight on a set of colors. Critique.
6. Using the identical format, create the illusion of a colored spotlight on a set of colors. Critique.
7. Paint a simple landscape composed of simple shapes which are under both a light source, ambient light and atmosphere. Review a lesson on these phenomena produced by Dick Nelson before taking on the painting. Critique.

WARNING! Although you may wish to tackle each assignment without class discussion or hearing the school solution, know that much pre-planning is required to avoid the minefield which awaits you.