RUBRIC FOR GRADING CREATIVE PROJECT

A=ARETE: Excellent; Extraordinary; Outstanding; Exemplary

B=Above Average; Very Good; Plenty of time & effort exhibited

C=Average; Pretty Good; Overall fine but not very original, creative, or well executed

D=Below Average, Needs Improvement, Obviously not much thought, time, &/or effort invested

F=Unsatisfactory, Poor, Unacceptable

Presented on time (50 points)	Creativity Bonus	+
Use of elements/design (10 max)	Best of Show Bonus Points	+
Concept & creativity (10 max)		
Written component (10 max)		
Time/effort (10 max)		
Oral Presentation (10 max)		
SUBTOTAL	FINAL GRADE	

ELEMENTS & PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN:

- (10) Impeccable use of elements and principles of art; museum quality; beautiful expression; well planned composition.
- (8-9) Planned carefully; excellent use of the elements and principles of art; chose color scheme carefully both aesthetically and symbolically; used space effectively; emphasis is clear.
- (6-7) Applied the principles of design while using one or more elements effectively; showed an awareness of filling the space adequately; adequate planning.
- (4-5) Applied the elements and principles of art in a somewhat haphazard manner; lack of effective use of space to articulate emphasis; little evidence that the overall composition was planned.
- (2-3) The assignment was completed and turned in, but showed little evidence of understanding the elements and principles of art; little or no evidence of planning; emphasis unclear.
- (0-1) The project displayed minimum effort; went through the motions; artwork was haphazard, slapdash, or incomplete.

CREATIVITY/ORIGINALITY:

- (10) Completely original. I've never seen anything like it.
- (8-9) Original work of art that expresses an idea or concept in an innovative or fresh way.
- (6-7) Idea not completely original, but concept is clear and well played out visually; composition &/or concept seem somewhat derivative, but the concept and execution of idea have been stylized in fundamental ways.
- (4-5) Derivative or unimaginative; concept too closely mimics one of the examples shown in class, is unoriginal, or not played out very well..
- (2-3) Student fulfilled the assignment, but gave no evidence of trying anything unusual; concept unclear or poorly executed.
- (0-1) No evidence of original thought; derivative; no unifying concept.

WRITTEN COMPONENT:

- (9-10) Typed; 200-300 words; turned in on time; addresses all assigned guidelines; articulate and insightful; almost no grammar, style, or punctuation problems; eloquent; concise yet thorough.
- (7-8) Typed and meets word count; turned in on time; addresses most assigned guidelines; well written with a few grammar, style, and mechanical problems, but not enough to interfere with meaning; good insights provided.
- (5-6) Adequately addresses the main points but not much depth or insight; somewhat confusing errors in language usage, grammar, punctuation, etc.
- (2-4) Little or no discussion of concept, idea, or application of elements of composition and principles of design; poorly written with enough grammar, punctuation, and usage problems to make it difficult to read.
- (0-1) Doesn't follow the guidelines of the assignment; badly written; practically indecipherable.

TIME/EFFORT:

- (9-10) Project displays a great deal of time, thought, and effort; transcended expectations/requirements.
- (7-8) Project displays ample expenditure of time, thought, and effort; accomplished requirements.
- (5-6) Project would have benefited from increased effort and time; potentially good idea but not very well fleshed out.
- (2-4) Project completed with minimum effort; little thought & time spent; barely accomplishes requirements.
- (0-1) Project fails to accomplish requirements of assignment; incomplete; not enough time & effort expended.

PRESENTATION:

- (6-10) Concept and design discussed; stayed within time limit; well spoken; intelligible; discussed intention/message
- (0-5) Lack of or vague or unclear explanation of design; not well spoken; hard to understand; didn't discuss intention

FEATURES I assess and evaluate in grading this assignment:

Formulation & articulation of unifying concept

Elements of composition used & discussed effectively

Artful layout/design to convey message

Time expenditure on various aspects of project

Unity of composition & design

Required written assignment

Effort put into the formulation of idea and presentation of it verbally as well as visually Space used effectively

ELEMENTS OF COMPOSITION/DESIGN: LINE, TEXTURE, COLOR/HUE, SHAPE/FORM, LIGHT/VALUE, SPACE

PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN: REPETITION/RHYTHM, BALANCE/SYMMETRY, EMPHASIS, DOMINANCE, CONTRAST, UNITY