**Assignment: Text and Design**

Create a composition of your choice using text.

Choose pen, pencil, colored pencil, marker, watercolor, cut paper collage, paint, or some combination of these materials to complete the work on paper measuring 8” x 10”, 9” x 12”, or 11 x 14”.

Some ideas to get students started:

* Write prose (anything you are currently thinking, regardless of sentence structure) in pen or pencil without pausing to think or erase. Fill the paper, and then use art supplies to illustrate a feeling or idea on top of the words.
* Make words into an image or outline of an image.
* Incorporate song lyrics, quotes, or poems into the work.
* Use overlapping words as shading to create a realistic picture (for example, a student could create a landscape or a portrait by overlapping words to create different values in the work).

Tips:

1. Students can choose to use Sharpie pens, regular ball point pens, or other felt tip pens as a medium choice.
2. Marker and pen assignments are especially successful on Bristol Board, yet combination with other materials such as colored pencil will not be as successful on this surface.