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Thematic Progression Series
Peer-Crits

(3 classmates crit your design first...)

Crit1: _____ Reviewer's Initials _____
Discuss/describe the content of this design (topic, emotion, or point-of-view expressed.)

Describe how formal traits are used to express the theme/content.

What changes would you suggest to improve this piece?

Crit2: _____ Initials _____
Discuss/describe the content of this design (topic, emotion, point-of-view)

Describe how formal traits are used to express the theme/content.

What changes would you suggest to improve this piece?

Crit3: _____ Initials _____
Discuss/describe the content of this design (topic, emotion, point-of-view)

Describe how formal traits are used to express the theme/content.

What changes would you suggest to improve this piece?

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DESIGNER: _____

Grade: _____/100

Self-Crit (...then you fill this out about your own design)

— Content Concept: (discuss the theme/content that progresses through this design. What are you aiming to say? What position are you taking?)

— Describe/explain how formal traits successfully express your content:

(What changes in form occur from beginning to end, and how do those changes reflect what you are saying about your content? How are qualities of emotion or attitude expressed through formal choices?)

— What aspects of your content are still not clear enough?

What might be done to improve/clarify your content? What might the first-time viewer not understand?

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— **What traits of form contribute to the unity of your overall composition?** (what traits do you repeatedly use? What tactics of grouping or alignment are used to organize forms?)

— **How have you established *emphasis* for important features?**

— **Discuss/describe any aspects of *presentation* that *distract* from your design's success.**

Presentation: mounting or base is appropriate; color & dimensions apt; sturdy; clean; sharp; labeled?

Images sources and alterations:

— If you used existing images, where did the images or subject come from?

(I created them, I copied from web, clipped from magazines, copied from other artists/illustrators/cartoonists)

— What changes did you make to the imagery in order to add your own content, or to emphasize expressive features necessary to your content concept?

— **Excellence: What aspects of your concept, your design, your craftsmanship or your presentation elevate your design into excellence?**

What is remarkable about your solution? What traits are its most noteworthy strengths?

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*** take photos to document your work.**

Get a cleaned, focused, well-exposed, unskewed full view. Get detail views of important regions of your design. If yours is a 3d design, then shoot it from several points of view