## Black Box Project



## What is Visual Literacy?

- the ability to interpret, negotiate, and make meaning from information presented in the form of an image
- based on the idea that pictures can be "read" and that meaning can be communicated through a process of "reading"


## Communication with images...



## What is

## Creative Problem Solving?

- mental process of creating a solution to a problem
- find your unique answer to the problem



## What will you do?

## Use four black squares to create images

 that express the meaning of these six words...$\square$ Order
$\square$ Increase
$\square$ Bold
Congested
Tension
$\square$ Playful


## Rules!

$\checkmark$ The squares can vary in size


## Rules!

$\checkmark$ The squares are solid black, but when they overlap each other you may distinguish this by using white space or lines


## Rules!

$\checkmark$ OR! They can overlap with no visible separation.


## Rules!

$\checkmark$ Think of where your squares are in relation to the page (composition)


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## Rules!

$\checkmark$ The squares can touch creating a larger shape that may lose the form of a square


## Rules!

$\checkmark$ Be sure to try overlapping for some of these problems


## Rules!

$\checkmark$ Contrast in size, position, direction, and space will drastically affect the meaning of your design


## Rules!

$\checkmark$ Be aware of the relationship between positive (the black squares) and negative (the blank) space


## Requirements

- You will make at least $\underline{6}$ preliminary sketches for each word... TOTAL 36 sketches!
- Select the most effective solution to 2 of the problems and circle them.
- You will share your ideas with me and reflect on the solutions to this problem.

$\checkmark$ You will have 1 class period to complete this assignment... if you do not finish during class today it will be homework.

