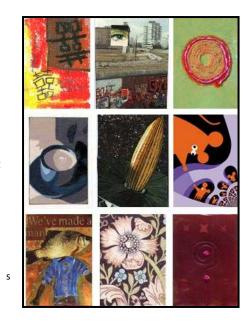# ARTIST TRADING CARDS

What are Artist Trading Cards?

Artist Trading Cards (or ATCs) are miniature works of art about the same size as modern baseball cards: 2 ½ X 3 ½ inches (63 mm X 89 mm) and small enough to fit inside standard card-collector pockets, sleeves or sheets. The ATC movement developed out of the mail art movement and has its origins in Switzerland. Cards are produced in various media, including dry media (pencils, pens, markers, etc.), wet media (watercolour, acrylic paints, etc.), paper media (in the form of collage, paper cuts, found objects, etc.) or even metals or cloth. The cards are usually traded or exchanged rather than sold.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artist_trading_card   s

Your Objective: **Choose a word as your theme**. (examples: sport, music, documentary, anger, sadness etc…)
Create a trading card showing that word. Now, using the PRINCIPLES OF ART- create 8 more cards- one for each of the principles using the word you chose as your theme. Try not to show the actual word in your designs where possible.

Criteria: Your Cards must be 2.5"X3.5". You must work in Portrait Format. Your first card with the word must be placed in the middle for final presentation. (see above)

Resources: Class movie- see O drive gr 10 folder- **Artist Trading Cards movie**

Instructions:
1. Start with your 'word' card. Create a composition that includes the word written, cut and pasted from a printed source or created digitally. Add to your card using any medium (paint, cut-outs, collage, drawing, colouring etc…)
2. Now look at the principles of art. Create one card for each of the eight principles. Be sure to write it on the back of the card so that you don't forget which one you are doing. You must have one card that is collage, one painted, one with marker, one hand drawn, and one digital- Photoshop. All others are of your choice of medium.
3. Arrange them in the order given below…

Emphasis	Balance	Harmony
Variety	Your word	Movement
Rhythm	Proportion	Unity

1. Produce your own cards.

2. Size: 2.5 x 3.5 inches on card stock.

3. Sign and date.

4. Trade.