## **Color Unit Vocabulary**

You will create a glossary page in your sketchbook with all terms, their definitions and (optional) illustrations. Knowing and applying this information will be assessed on a quiz, studio activities, your project and the FINAL EXAM. Learn them!

| Color           | How we see light reflected from a surface. Color has 3 properties: hue, value & intensity   |
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| Pigment         | Chemical or natural material used to give color to a medium. EX,<br>crushed lapis lazuli (blue stone) was used to create blue pigment for inlaid stone<br>in Egypt, many veils of Mary in renaissance frescos and the blue fabric in the <i>Girl</i><br>with a Pearl Earring oil painting.  |
| Hue             | Name of a color, pure state of a color<br>EX: light red is a description of pink referencing its hue  |
| Intensity       | The brightness or dullness of a color.<br>Strong, bright or pure = HIGH intensity<br>Faint, dull, pastel or gray = LOW intensity  |
| Value           | Lightness(HIGH) or darkness(LOW) of a color<br>Add color to white or back to a color to adjust its value  |
| Primary colors  | Red, Yellow, Blue & Magenta, Cyan & Yellow<br>Colors used to mix all other hues- however they cannot be made<br>Notice there are two sets of primaries – you have to know both. Some<br>paints/media come in one set, others in the other. A savvy art student will know<br>how to use both |
| Secondary       | Purple (M + C), Orange (R + Y) & Green (C + Y)  |
| colors          | Made by mixing two primary colors   |
| Tertiary colors | Colors found between a primary and secondary on the wheel.<br>You may have learned this as "intermediate" in elementary school. EX. Yellow-<br>orange is a tertiary color.  |
| Color Scheme    | Plain for using color   |
| Monochromatic   | "one color" plus shades, tints, greys & neutrals  |
| Analogous       | Colors next to each other in the wheel plus shades, tints, greys & neutrals Ex- cyan, blue- green, green and yellw-green (up to 5 neighbor colors)  |
| Complementary   | One set of opposite colors plus shades, tints, greys & neutrals<br>Ex- Magenta/Red and Green  |
| Color Contrast  | Light versus dark, bright versus dull, opposites, etc   |
| Tint            | High value of a color made by mixing white plus a color   |
| Shade           | Low value of a color made by mixing the color with black  |
| Cool colors     | Green, blue/cyan, violet- these colors appear to recede; often<br>associated with water and sky; appear on one side of the color<br>wheel   |
| Warm colors     | Red/magenta, yellow, orange; appear to come forward; associated with fire and sun; appear on one side of the color wheel  |
| Mixing Rules    | <ol> <li>Start with the lighter (amount needed to paint entire area)</li> <li>ADD the darker in to lighter in small amounts</li> <li>DEVELOP the color, value, intensity</li> </ol>   |