

## HNRS 2020- Why Creativity Matters

### Signature Assignment

Throughout the semester, I'd like you to keep a morgue (swipe file) of creative ideas — both your own and those of others. Toward the end of the semester you'll be asked to curate your collection and present it to the class. The format is up to you. I'd suggest it be something you can add to immediately as you come across something, so online mediums like Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, or Instagram come to mind, but if you happen to be the pen-and-paper sort, a physical notebook is just fine. As far as presenting it to class and then submitting it to me you might want to convert it to Power Point as you curate the materials you have saved.

#### Please note:

This assignment was discussed over and over again during the semester. Students were encouraged to start work early. It is based on ideas in Austin Kleon's book, "Steal Like an Artist." Kleon recommends that you "save your thefts for later" and "keep a swipe file." As a group we discussed how best to present and turn in the file. Students were encouraged to create a swipe file for any up coming project, which could have been for another class.