

The Heroes' Table

Part 3

I hope everyone enjoyed describing the Vanitas paintings and writing about their heroes' arrangement of objects as an imagined Vanitas. This week's session develops the idea of personal still life arrangements and how objects can act as symbols for ideas and experiences, how by writing or making images of personal objects you can tell or at least hint at, a story.

Have a go at making your own Vanitas still life arrangement.

Task 1 - Create your own personal Vanitas arrangement of objects that shows your different interests, hobbies and life experiences, this might include favourite clothing, uniforms, photographs, books, toys, tools, jewellery, souvenirs, mementos, favourite food etc.

Task 2 – Take a photograph of your arrangement of objects.

Task 3 – Write a description of your personal Vanitas that describes each object and their relationships and hints at why these objects are important to you, what they give you and stories or memories are connected to them.

Task 4 – Create a Lockdown Vanitas arrangement that depicts what your life is like during these strange days of self-isolation and social distancing. Again. Take a photograph of the arrangement and write an accompanying description explaining what each object means to you, why it is there and its importance.

Remember to post your writings and photographs so we can create an online gallery and archive.

I hope you have had fun with these ideas.