

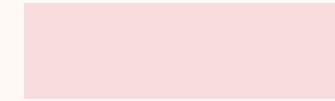
Liberation of the Rabbit:



Art based self study on the process of decoding animal symbolism within my artwork.

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Inspiration...



Introduction

The rabbit is a personal symbol of comfortability, love and liberation.

Inspiration from childhood, nicknames and a love for animals.

The rabbit (as a symbol) first appeared in my artwork in 2019.



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MILLS MUSIC
Music Publishers

By CHAS. K. HARRIS

Musical score with lyrics:
VOICE
to mine my
I should for
Let me see
Break up
the very light
For you
Just sup

Lee Carter

Research Question

Sub Questions



How can I decode animal symbolism within my art practice?

-What is the significance of the rabbit in the art world?

-How is the rabbit liberated in my artwork?

-How is symbolic identification used in the classroom?

Methodology

Art-based self study



Artwork: 2 large, 1 medium
and 2 small scale ink
drawings on pink wallpaper

A loose schedule- about three
45 minute sessions a week.

Outcome: Personal
understanding of symbol

Literature Review

- ★ Symbolism of the Rabbit in history
- ★ Symbolism of the rabbit in Popular culture and contemporary art
- ★ Animals used as material
- ★ Animal activism within the arts

★ Symbolism of the rabbit in art history

Symbol of rebirth, lust and new beginnings.

Gentleness, fertility and good luck.

“At the turn of the century an English tradition of saying ‘rabbit, rabbit, rabbit’ on the first of the month was said to bring good luck for the month.”

★ Symbolism of
the rabbit in
pop culture
and
contemporary
art

Characters that have made their way into popular culture- Bugs Bunny, the Easter Bunny, the White Rabbit, and Playboy.

Jeff Koons, highest paid



Jeff Koons, *Rabbit*

★ **Animals
used as
material**

Rabbit Skin Glue

Expensive paint brushes

Use of fur in fashion

Alternative/Synthetic materials

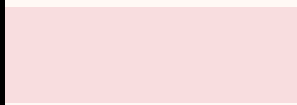
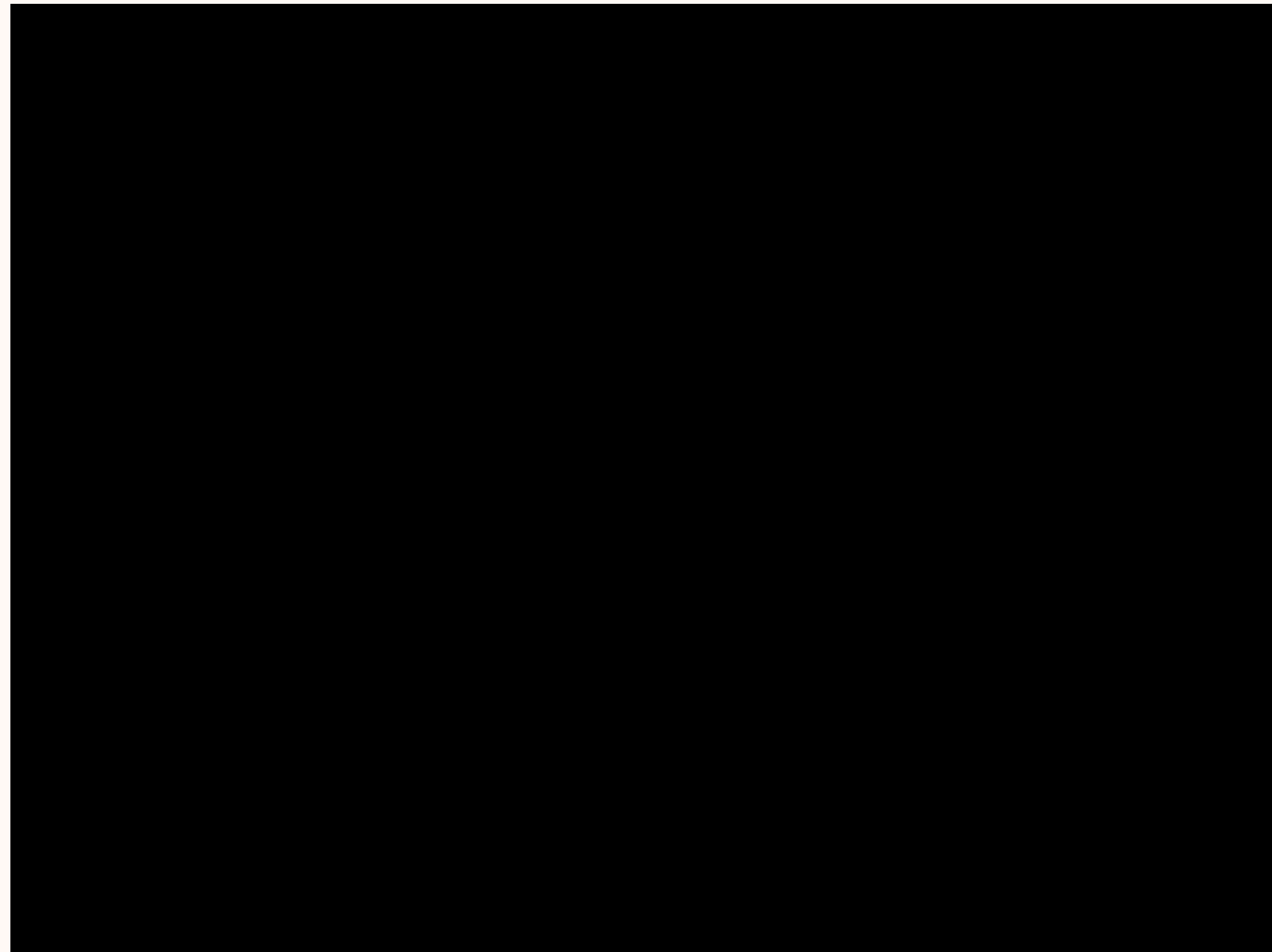
★ **Animal
activism
within the
arts**

Personal activism: vegetarianism, charity walks, liberated through artworks.

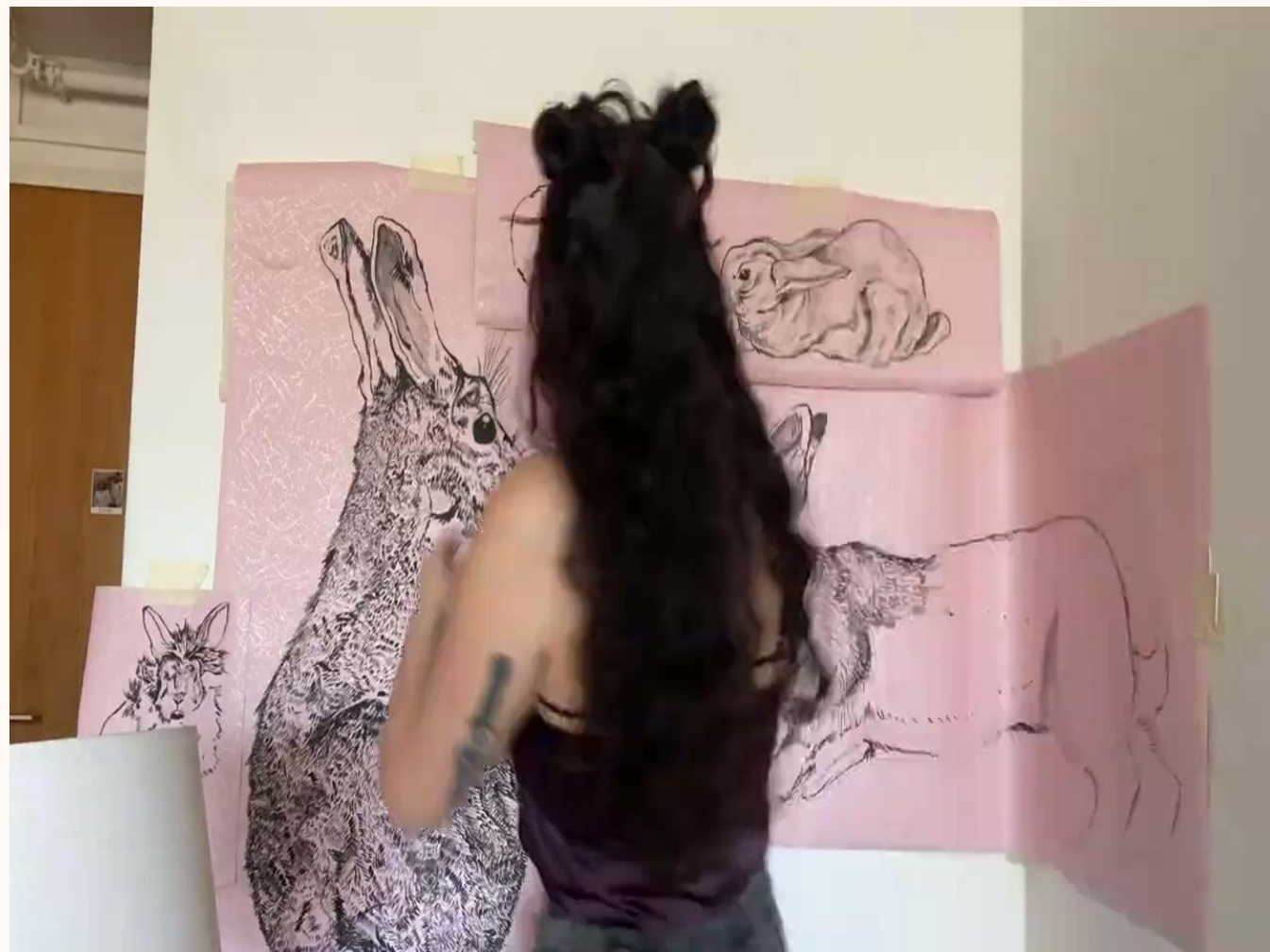
Data Collection

Time Lapse, Photographs

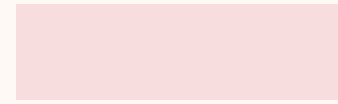
Journaling thoughts after session



Art Process



TIME LAPSE VIDEOS



Journaling



Difficulties

Journaling was completed after sessions and used as a way to determine what was good practice.

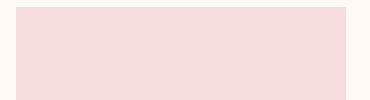
Difficult process for me, unnatural practice.

Findings:

Emotional

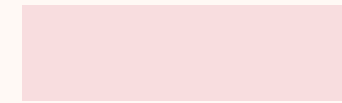
Material

Pedagogical





Decoding the symbolism behind my love for these animals and the use of them within my work directly relates to my childhood.



Most of my work within the past 3 years has included bunnies and things of comfort.

In my practice I find it necessary to have an emotional connection with the process which often leads to deeper self reflection.



Ideas change overtime and certain iterations may prompt different emotional responses depending on the time they were created.





I often get questions about why I use certain materials in my work, I find it absolutely necessary to include my personality within all of my artwork.




My work started to incorporate pink in my sophomore year of college.



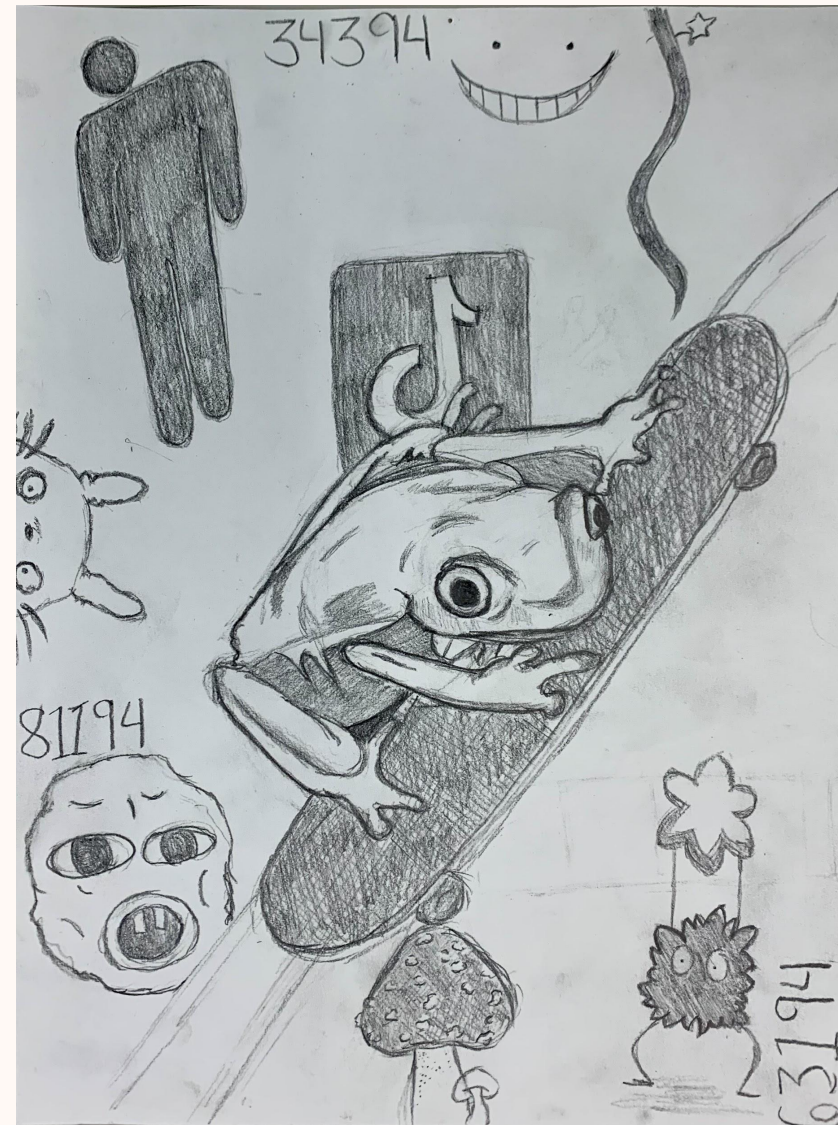
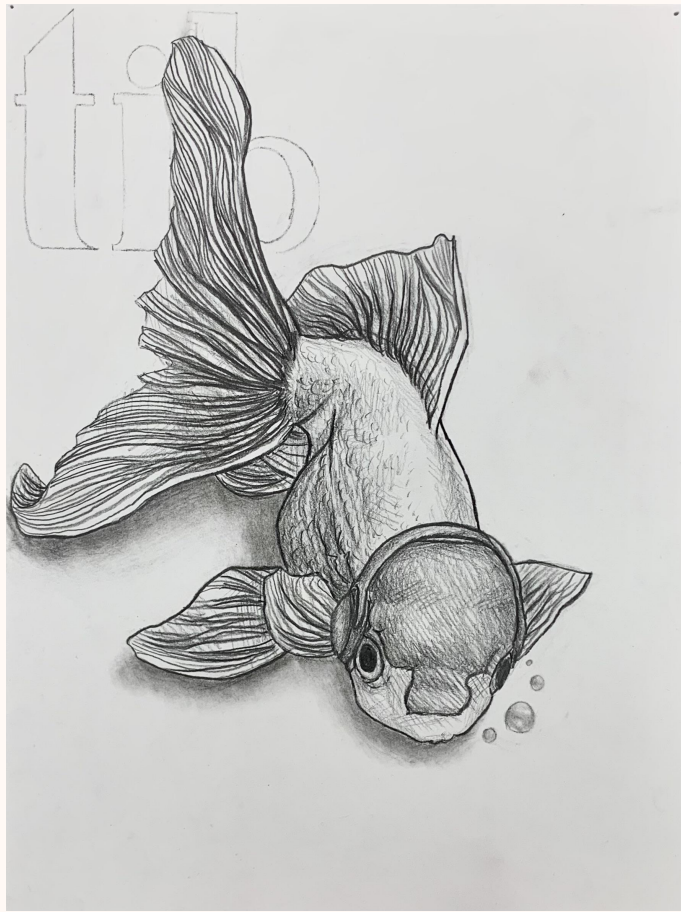
In my practice experimenting by working large scale
allows me to fully embrace materials, working at this
scale provides full physical engagement





Personal expression is apparent within choice of material as well as technical choices.



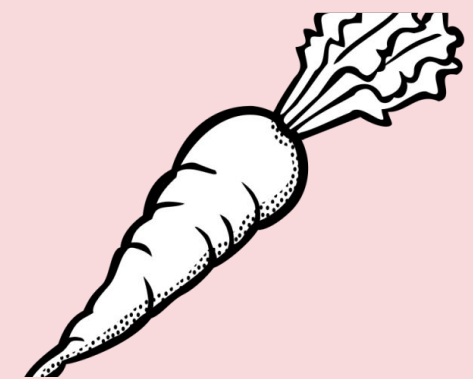


Students work during the animal symbolism project.

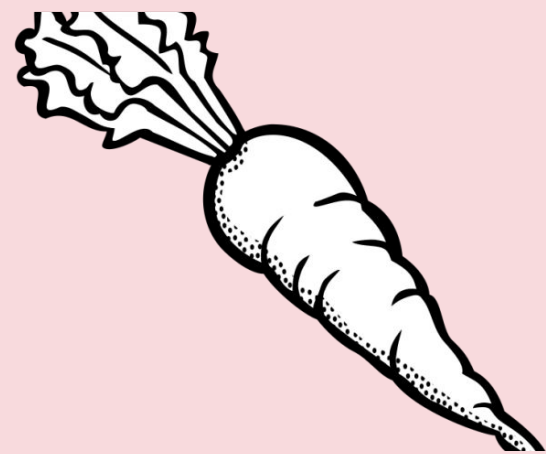
Students were asked to challenge obvious symbols for the representation of their thoughts.



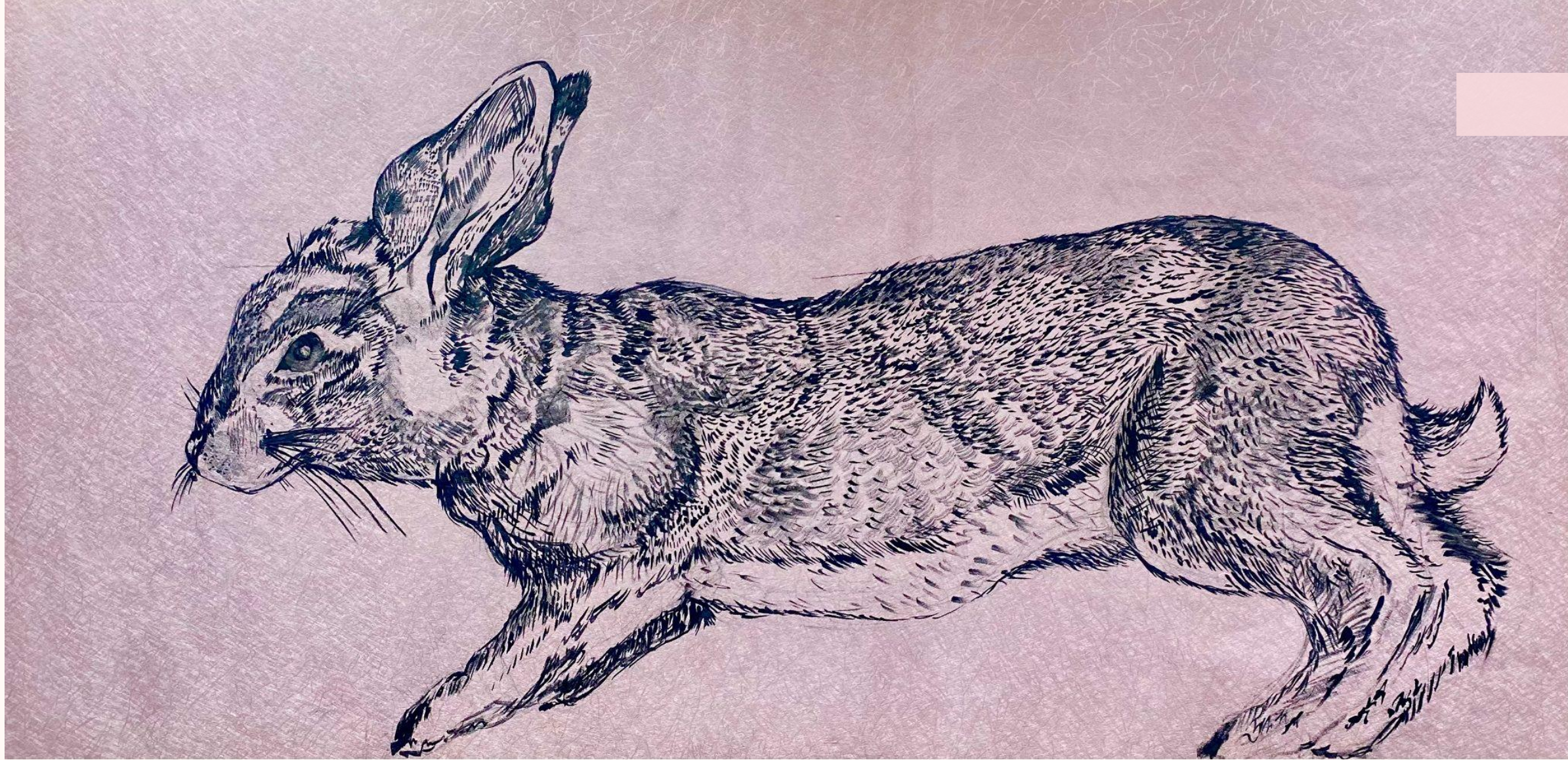
Challenging preconceived notions of what symbols are
in order to deepen student thinking and in turn
encourage them to create their own symbols and
meanings.



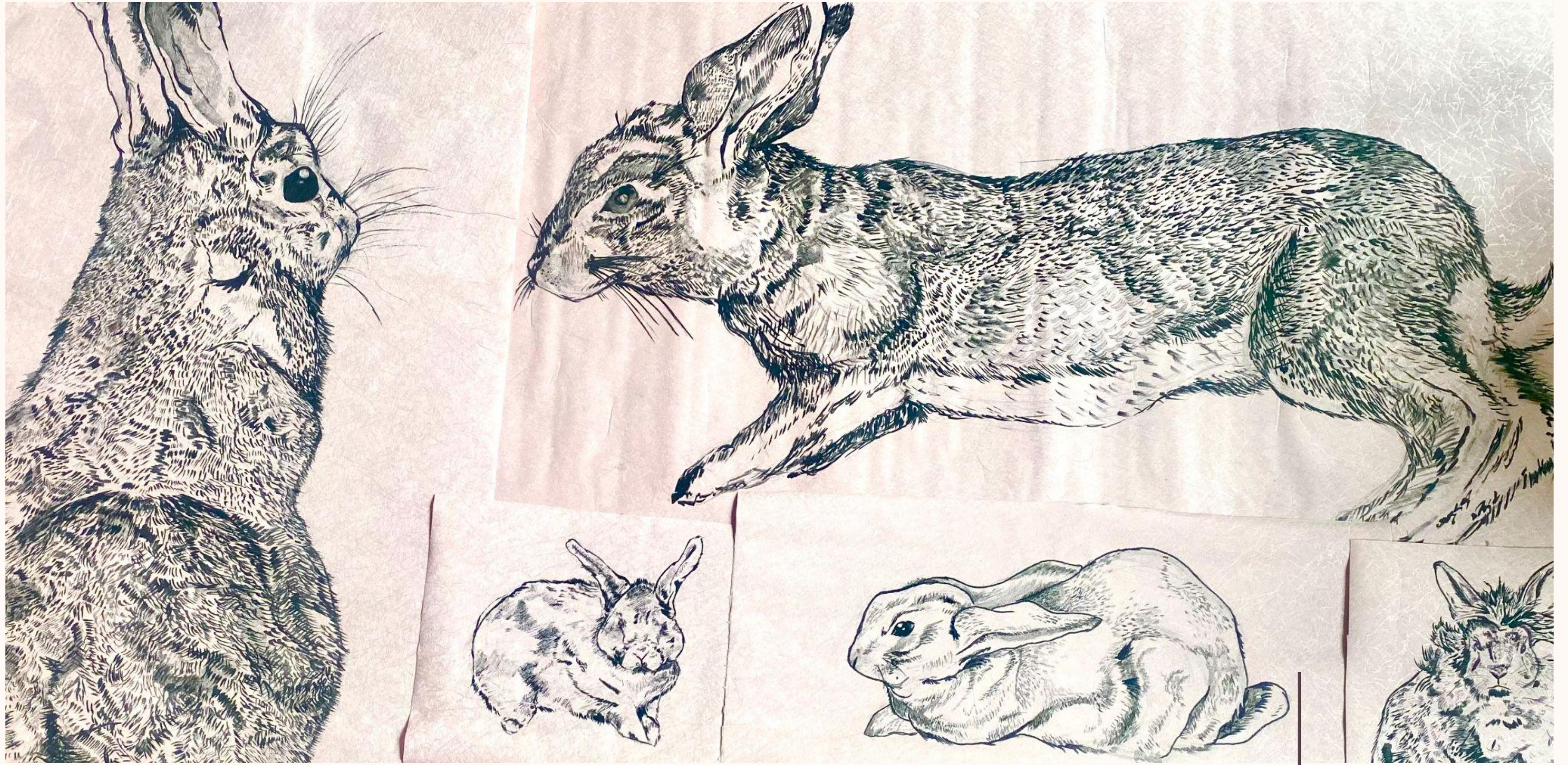
List making is an effective tool for identifying alternative personal symbols.











Recommendations

- ★ Incorporating “Personal Style” within artwork creates a deeper connection to one's artwork.
- ★ Using alternative and synthetic materials for art making.
- ★ Activities can be given to students to encourage deeper thinking (ex. List making activities).



Thank You!!