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Project I Lyrical Layouts

Set the text of a poem or song lyrics twice.

First, set the text using the standard guidelines for type design;

focus on legibility, type size, leading, spacing, and format.

For the second layout, break any of the rules to express the meaning of the words.

The first layout is an in-class assignment. The second layout is prepared and presented for grading.

Objectives Layout I | Demonstrate an understanding of good typography and text layout. Examples on page 83

Layout 2 | Experiment with type by breaking the "rules" to express content. Examples on page 96

Format Trim size: 8" X 10"

Color First layout: one color

Second layout: two colors

Copy 10 - 20 lines of a poem or lyrics, author's name, title

To start I Select a poem or lyrics of 10-20 lines

2 For the first layout, identify a typeface that reflects the nature of the words.

3 Then, set the text following the standard guides for type design.
(Review your class notes! Read Graphic Design Essentials, chapter 3.)

4 For the second layout, break all the "rules" to express the meaning of the words. (Take some chances!)

Final Presentation Color

Color presentation.

Trim to 8" X 10" and mount it on black or white 11" X 14" presentation board.

Print out the first layout and attach with tape to the back of the board.

Schedule 9.18 Begin Project

Read Graphic Design Essentials Chapter 3

Set the type using the Type Tips handout for the first layout

Print out the first layout for your notebook

9.25 Critique first layout

Develop the second layout

Revise and refine the first layout

Work in Illustrator to create the second expressive layout

Typography will have better resolution when completed in Illustrator

10.02 Critique second layout

Refine the second layout

10.09 No Class | Monday Schedule

10.16 Workshop Project I

10.23 Submit Project I