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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.

Objectives Layout I | Demonstrate an understanding of good typography and text layout.

Layout 2 | Experiment with type by breaking the "rules" to express content.

Format Standard Letter: 8.5" X 11"

Color First layout: one color

Second layout: two colors

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

To start | Select a poem or lyrics with 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

Upload the final pdf to our Project I Final folder on the Google Share Drive before class.

Schedule 2.06 Begin Project

HW Read Graphic Design Essentials Chapter 3

HW Set the type using the Type Tips pdf for the first layout.

HW Save Layout I as a pdf and load to the folder on the Google Share Drive

2.13 No Class | Snow Day!

2.20 Critique First Layout

HW Revise and refine the first layout.

HW Develop the second layout.

Work in Illustrator to create the second expressive layout, and save as a pdf.

2.27 Critique Second Layout (load the pdf to our Google Share Drive before class begins).

HW Refine the second layout.

For the Final PDF: Make a two page final pdf with Layout 2 on the first page, and Layout I

the second page. Load your final 2 page pdf to our Google Share Drive before class begins.

3.05 Submit Project I