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**Project 1**

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 1 | Demonstrate an understanding of good typography and text layout. (p83)
Layout 2 | Experiment with type by breaking the “rules” to express content. (p96)

**Format**

Size: Print Letter

**Color**

First layout: one color
Second layout: two colors

**Copy**

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

**To start**

1. 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**

Upload your final pdf to the Project 1 Final folder on Google Drive

**Schedule**

6.01 Begin Project.
   HW Read Graphic Design Essentials Chapter 3
   HW Create Project 1 First Layout (p 84)
   HW Create Slang Word Homework (p 100)

6.03 Critique Project 1 First Layout | Present Slang Homework
   HW Create a first draft of the second layout (p 100)
   HW Refine the first layout.

6.08 Critique Second Layout.
   HW Final revisions for Project 1

6.10 Submit Project 1