

Pen Tool Silhouettes

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Kara Walker

Kara Walker is an African American female artist who explores race, gender, sexuality, violence, and identity throughout her work.

Although she is a contemporary painter, film-maker, print-maker, and installation artist, she is best known for her larger-than-life silhouettes.

Walker's artwork speaks of the past; the violence, torment, and struggles many have faced, especially in the South. But at the same time, the artwork also forces her viewers to continue questioning and challenging these issues and stereotypes still present in today's world.

There are two additional websites on www.designmendola.com that provide more information about Kara Walker, her story, and her work.

Question 1: Writing about an artwork

Do a Google Image Search of Kara Walker / her artwork.

Find one that stands out to you the most and copy & paste it in your Google Slides DO NOW Portfolio.

Write a *minimum* of 5 complete sentences about the work.

Use the list below to help you write a description of the artwork:

- Title of work
- Year the work was made
- Materials used
- Describe everything you see
- How does the image tell a story
- What is happening in the art
- Does the artwork express emotion
- What details are included to the art and why are they important to the piece
- Is everything the same size? If its not, why are some larger (emphasized)

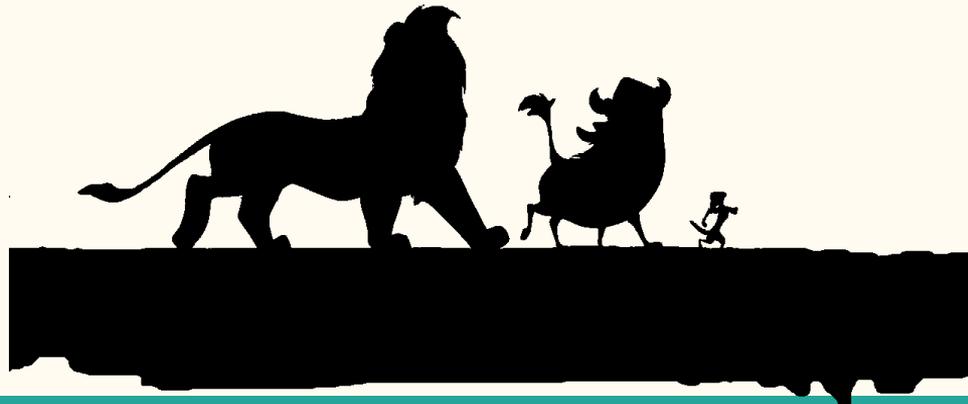
Question 2: Brainstorming Ideas

Think about what type of story you want to tell using silhouettes.

Here are some topics to help you brainstorm:

- Immigration
- Race
- Inequality
- Identity
- School Violence
- Bullying
- Technology
- Drug Use
- Teen Pregnancy
- Suicide

You can even re-create a scene from your favorite movie, tv show, or book



Question 2: Brainstorming Ideas Continued

On a new page in your Google Slides DO NOW Portfolio explain the story you want to tell using silhouettes. Write your explanation in a *minimum* of 4 complete sentences

- What story are you going to tell?
- What imagery do you need to tell your story?
- What characters and details (props) do you need?
- What emotion or mood are you trying to express?
- Where is your story taking place? (setting)
- Why did you choose this idea? Why is it important?