

MS BLACK HISTORY POSTER
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MISSISSIPPI BLACK HISTORY POSTER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project serves two purposes:

1. To engage in a detailed and advanced process of poster design, one that goes beyond that of the realm of a flyer, or an advertisement, but exists as a symbol of our understanding and utilization of advanced design methods.
2. To engage in and examine the rich history of black figures in Mississippi's history, from our roots in blues music to important figures of the civil rights movement.

This project functions also as an engagement in research, historical and conceptual, that will inform and sculpt the poster design under a set of visual restrictions.

REQUIREMENTS

POSTER SIZE: A1 (594 x 841 mm) (23.39 x 33.11 in)

COLOR RESTRICTIONS: BLACK+WHITE AND/OR 2-3 ADDITIONAL COLORS

THIS POSTER MUST BE NON-FIGURAL, MEANING NO TRADITIONAL PORTRAITS! CONSIDER NEW AND POTENTIALLY ABSTRACT (BUT INFORMED) WAYS TO REPRESENT THESE HISTORICAL FIGURES.

*this is not to say you can't create a "portrait," but I want to see an advancement in your methods outside that of a traditional photograph or illustrated poster. Consider methods such as collage, type as image, symbolic abstract form, reduction of elements, etc.

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Select a figure from the following list (or present me with an alternative option), and conduct your own research before the next class session.

Who are they? When / where were they born (What part of MS?)

What are they known for?

What impact have they had on our world?

Are they still living? Have they passed? If so when?

FIRST STEPS

On Wednesday (01.26.22) come to class with the following:

Answer the above questions in the form of a short one-page biography. Include any sources.

- 8.5 X 11, at least one page.

AT LEAST 1 full pages worth of sketching. This can be full poster concepts, thumbnails, details, explorations of form, notes, etc. (RESEARCH!)

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BLUES ARTISTS LIST

1. DENISE LASELLE
2. MISSISSIPPI JOHN HURT
3. SON HOUSE
4. MISSISSIPPI FRED MCDOWELL
5. JOHN LEE HOOKER
6. HOWLIN' WOLF
7. JAMES COTTON
8. SKIP JAMES
9. "BIG JOE" WILLIAMS
10. JIMMY "DUCK" HOLMES
11. SONNY BOY NELSON
12. ARTHUR CRUDUP
13. SISTER ROSETTA THARPE
14. SIPPPIE WALLACE
15. BESSIE SMITH
16. MEMPHIS MINNIE
17. MAMIE SMITH
18. MA RAINEY

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS & MARTYRS

1. REV. GEORGE LEE
2. LAMAR SMITH
3. EMMETT TILL
4. FANNIE LOU TOWNSEND
5. MYRLIE LOUISE BEASLEY (EVERS)
6. MEDGAR EVERS
7. CONSTANCE SLAUGHTER-HARVEY
8. OSEOLA MCCARTY
9. LEONTYNE PRICE
10. MARGARET WALKER
11. UNITA BROWN
12. JEANNETTE SMITH
13. ELLIE DAHMER
14. PEGGY JEAN CONNOR
15. GLENDA FUNCHESS

*this is not a finite list!