Café au Lait and Beignet Shadows | Student Studio Brief

Louisiana Foodways Visual Studio • Lesson 011 • Grades 6–8 • observation drawing • 3–5 sessions

Your challenge

Draw a still life of cups, powdered surfaces and cast shadows.

Learn about

New Orleans café culture and public gathering spaces

Your skill

observation drawing

Before starting

01. Write or sketch one thing you notice and one question.
02. Study a credited example or reference; identify its maker or community context.
03. Try the technique twice and label what changed.

Make and revise

01. Design three alternatives, then select and explain one.
02. Create an original artwork or musical composition with the chosen technique.
03. Ask a peer for one observation and one question. Revise a meaningful choice.

Turn in

Two early trials; a plan; a finished visual work or performance record; an annotated revision; a short reflection and source credit.

Reflection prompts

01. How did you use observation drawing?
02. Which decision is most original?
03. What did you learn about the source context?
04. What will you try next time?

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