

Calligraphy Assignments

- 1. Bookmark:** Illustrate a quote which means something to you personally. Attribute the quote. Creative use of shape and color will be appreciated. On separate paper, turn in a paragraph explaining the quote and what it means to you personally.
- 2. Personal Recipe:** Write a symbolic recipe for yourself. Include a title, ingredients, and directions in recipe format. Illustrate with objects or symbols representing your interests and/or values.
- 3. Quote Poster:** Select a quote related specifically to education in some way. This may be about learning in general, a specific subject area, or an educational skill. Attribute the quote, and illustrate appropriately.
- 4. Original Alphabet Sentences:** Make up one sensible sentence of your own in which you use words which include every letter of the alphabet at least once. Count the total number of letters you needed to intelligibly include one of each. Put that number in parentheses at the end of the sentence, just as it was done on your "Alphabet Sentences" Handout. Illustrate if you wish.
- 5. Passage from a Short Story or a Novel:** Illustrate a passage of at least ten lines from one of the fictional works we have read. This example should represent what you consider good style in writing. Include title and author. Arrange the passage neatly on the page, taking into consideration margins, white spaces, and emphasis through line breaks and shape. On separate paper, write a paragraph explaining the elements of good writing you find in this passage. Use specific examples to support your opinion.
- 6. Poem:** Select a poem from your textbook, or submit one from another source for approval. This poem should represent what you consider a good poem. Include title and author. Arrange the poem attractively on the page, taking into consideration margins and white spaces. On separate paper, write a paragraph explaining the elements that make this a good poem. Use specific examples from the poem to support your opinion.
- 7. Original Poem:** Select one of the poems you have written. Arrange the poem attractively on the page, taking into consideration margins, white spaces and emphasis through line breaks and shape. Include title and author. Illustrate appropriately.
- 8. Quote Folder:** Select several quotations which represent what you think and believe and feel -- your philosophy of life. Accuracy and attribution are important, so check both. Illustrate the front and the back of a standard third-cut letter-size file folder. Write your name (first first, last last) on the folder tab. Because these will be laminated, avoid three-dimensional illustrations.
- 9. Elizabethan "Commonplace-Book":** The Elizabethans were much given to filling up notebooks with quotations and quaint sayings, plus an odd recipe, picture, poem, or other pleasant or enlightening extract thrown in for good measure. They called these compilations "commonplace-books." Make your own commonplace book. Use a notebook with brads and unlined paper, a scrapbook, or a bound book.