Elements of Design: Color



Colour is Nature's own powerful signaling system - the universal, nonverbal language. Scientifically, it is the first thing we register when we are assessing anything:

Assignment 1:

Read or skim the article to answer the questions: <u>Link</u> to the article about color.

- 1. What does the color white represent in Western cultures?
- 2. What does white mean in Eastern countries?
- 3. Who discovered that white light separate into visible colors when passing through a prism?
- 4. Which colors are considered "warm" colors?
- 5. Colors on the blue, purple, and green are called ______ colors.
- 6. What 3 feelings do "cool" colors portray?
- 7. What is color psychology therapy?
- 8. Okay, so there are some skeptics about color psychology, but research has shown that color can impact people. Give 5 examples of what research has found.

Assignment 2:

Use either Word, PowerPoint, or paper to present information to a student of Graphic Design.

- 1. Pick 5 linked colors and describe all the psychological effects for that color (from the link above).
- 2. Color Research: Click the link and pick two personality types on the left hand side of the page. <u>http://www.colour-affects.co.uk/research</u>
- 3. How powerful is the color blue? In your presentation, convince me that blue has power. Use this link: http://psychcentral.com/blog/archives/2008/12/13/can-blue-colored-light-prevent-suicide/

Assignment 3:

Create a color wheel using Paint. Net. (see the instructions sheet for these assignments – \underline{Link})

Goal:

- Learn to use Paint. Net
- Learn the primary, secondary, complementary, and
- 1. Re-color 2 images with complementary colors
- 2. Re-color 2 images with analogous colors

Assignment 4:

The illustration below shows clearly how big corporations choose a logo color that portrays a color that corresponds to the feeling they want their customer to associate with their company.

Find one other company, not listed on in the illustration, for each color.

