Assignment:

1. Look up/ research a few of the artist listed below. After you have familiarized yourself with their works, chose **one** artist whose work most speaks to you. Once you have chosen an artist collect some facts about them. This means, find out a little bit about the life of this artist. Are they still alive? Where were they born? What is their artwork primarily about?
2. Write a small paragraph about the artist. Next time we meet in class we will discuss your paragraphs and artist of your choice.
3. Finally chose 3 figurative paintings by this artist that you find most compelling. In class we will look at your choices and make a final decision.

Artist

Kehinde Wiley

Caravaggio

Amy Sheralds

Elisabeth Vigee-Le Brun

Frida Kahlo

Alonsa Guevara

Sandro Botochelli

Zhang Xiaogang

Alice Neel

Rey Turner

Francoise Nielly

Heather Horton

Painting assignment:

1. Once you have chosen a painter and painting that compels you. Take a photograph of yourself in the same pose or similar pose as the figure in the painting. For example:



Note: When taking a photo be sure to have a **good light source**. Do not worry too much about background as we will tackle that later.

**In Class**

1. Cut canvas roll to 36” x 48” or bigger.( I will provide materials)
2. Use photo reference: from photo, sketch on the canvas a preparatory drawing in pencil. Example:



Note: you make take your time with these.

1. Once you have your drawing you may add paint. In the beginning, we will use a light wash of burnt sienna as an under painting.



1. Once the initial sketch is complete go crazy and have fun!