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Period _____

Assignment: Name Cartouche
Sixth Grade

General Information:

In ancient Egypt, the name of a pharaoh or a king was enclosed in a frame or band to signify their glorious title. The writing was in hieroglyphic symbols. As the Egyptians introduced more religious beliefs they started to write the names of royalty in oval frames, which represented the elliptical course of the sun around the world. 'Cartouche' became so commonly used that it has remained the standard name for the shape around the name of an Egyptian pharaoh or queen.

You will create a personal cartouche that focuses on your name and your various interests or hobbies. The final cartouche will be colored and mounted for display.

Project criteria:

1. Create a series of four thumbnail [small] sketches that incorporate your name in large letters, along with at least five drawings or symbols that describe you as a person.
2. Think about how the ancient Egyptians used Hieroglyphics for their writing. Perhaps you can come up with some images based off of their symbols.
3. The rope, or border, around your cartouche should also be creative. Try creating different borders using images, or a single image [like a snake wrapped around your name].
4. After deciding on a completed sketch, carefully draw your cartouche on a large piece of paper [provided by the teacher] and color it using colored pencils or markers.
5. When the project is complete, carefully cut around the cartouche and paste it on the paper for mounting.
6. Write your full name and period on the back of the assignment.
7. Fill-out a self evaluation form and staple it to the artwork. Return it to the correct "To Be Graded" location.

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Thumbnail Sketches:

