

Project 1 – Makeup Morgue

Makeup design is often based on real life references. Designers regularly try to recreate iconic or period specific features. Because so much of makeup is based on recreations, reference imagery is incredibly useful and important. Your first project, and one that will run the longest, is to create a collection of reference imagery. Photos to help you recreate your makeup accurately. Mandatory categories within this makeup morgue are as follows: old age male, old age female, youth, glamour, bruises/wounds, and fantasy. You are welcome to include additional categories if you so wish. Within each category you should collect a minimum of 10 images. Originally these were kept in an accordion folder or binder but now with technology you can do it digitally. PowerPoint or Word are great ways to organize your morgue. Please keep all images in each category together, it will make searching easier. You will be referencing these same images during class projects. It is recommended no more than 3 pictures per page.

What makes a good image are 2 things, size/clarity of the image and direction/angle of the image. Size of the images should be adequate, if it's too small or blurry it will be of no help to you. Angle of photos are important too, you are looking for 2 types, faces front on or ever so slightly off-center photos, and photos in profile (directly from the side) are most useful. Too much hair can interfere with the usefulness of a photo. You are interested in facial features so those must be seen. Both color and monochromatic images can use useful. Bruises/wounds are the only category that you may want to include areas other than just the face.

Note you don't have to collect all this imagery at once, we will be doing a number of projects over the term that will benefit from what you've collected so pace yourself and prioritize image collection to coincide with the project we are doing at the time.

Final makeup morgues will be shown at the time of the final project