

Minimalism - An experiment.



Mark Rothko, *Untitled*, 1969

Introduction

Minimalism is, essentially, an artistic movement which centers on stripping away all but the most essential details. It is not focused on flowery decoration. Instead, minimalist work presents an audience with only the barest detail, leaving, as Frederick Barthelme says, room for imagination.

This assignment will require that you observe something happening. Anything. Then follow the following steps:

The Steps

- Observe an event. Write 5 sentences of 20-ish words each to describe the event. Pay attention to details.
- Rewrite those five sentences using 15 words each.
- Rewrite the same five sentences using only four.
- Cut each of the four sentences down to 10 to 12 words.