

The Importance Product Options in Creative Productivity

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The goal of all creative and investigative contributors of knowledge in the adult world is almost always the same—**Impact Upon Audience**, is the *raison d'être* of people trying to influence or change things, hopefully to make the world a better place (Renzulli et al., 2006).

When we think about young people creating and investigating various topics of interest one important concern is how and where they might share their work with one or more potentially relevant audiences (Renzulli, 2021).

One of the things we have done to facilitate expression style preferences is to create an instrument that allows students to explore product options is about ways they might like to express themselves. The instrument, entitled My Way (named after the Frank Sinatra song, “*I Did It My Way*”) asks questions about eleven categories of product preferences (Written, Oral, Artistic, etc.). A copy of the instrument can be found here: [[My Way... An Expression Style Inventory](#)].

This brief article includes a listing of general product areas and some product areas for specific product categories. It is recommended that discussions and even some examples of specific products be made available to students as they explore the ways in which they would like to express themselves. Discussions should also include suggestions for contacting groups such as specific professional organizations, interest groups, hobby groups, newsletters, journals, and other publications that focus on given topics. There are organizations for just about any topic in the world and information about these organizations can be found on the Internet. Paul Torrance, the legendary founder of the scientific study often said that audience-finding is the very important final step of the creative process. Remember, *impact upon audience* the major goal of persons that want to influence others in any way. Every good salesman or woman knows about this and of course, they have a wealth about the product they are trying to see.

General Product Categories

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artistic Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture • Murals • Sculpture • Maps • Makeup • Graphic, Digital, & Landscape Designs • Fashion Design • Etc. • Performance Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skits • Role Playing • Dance • Mime • Interpretive Song • Plays • Etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoken Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debates • Speeches • Demonstrations • Panel Discussions • Book Talks • Poetry Readings • Broadcasts • Etc. • Visual Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Videos • Musical Scores • Blueprints • Diagrams/Charts • Timelines • Multimedia • Cartoons • Etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructed Products <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puppets • Models • Robots • Set Designs • Gadgets • Furniture • Sports Equipment • Costumes • Jewelry • Software • Quilts • Gardens • Games (board & virtual) • Etc. |
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General Category Product Planning Guide

| Models/Construction Products | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Drama sets | Gardens | Bird houses | Instruments |
| Sculpture | Dioramas | Bulletin boards | Robots |
| Relief map | Shelters | Circuit boards | Machines |
| Habitat | Collections | Paper engineering | Rockets |
| Bridges | Ceremonies | Puppet theaters | Play facilities |
| Inventions | Learning centers | Computer programs | Quilts |
| Food | Pottery | Computers | Multimedia |
| Vehicles | Working models | Documentaries | presentation |
| Fitness trails | Ant farms | Exhibitions | Hydroponic farms |
| Microscopes | Buildings | Interviews | Masks |
| Microscope slides | Toys | Scale models | Robots |
| Aqueducts | Games | 3-d figures | Gifts |
| Terrariums | Books | Graphs | Catalogs |
| Greenhouses | Solar collectors | Furniture | Mazes |
| | | | Blueprints |

| Written Products | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Pamphlets | Parables | Analyses | Lists |
| Brochures | Advertisements | Epics | Budgets |
| Books | Laws | Web pages | Criteria listings |
| Speeches | Graphs | Autobiographies | Census reports |
| Captions | Notes | Flow charts | Folktales |
| Charts | Diaries/journals | Amendments | Graphic organizers |
| Radio programs | Poetry | Family trees | Story problems |
| Instructions | Marketing plans | Position statements | Public service announcements |
| Interview questions | Comic strips | Banners | Ethnography |
| Outlines | Jokes/riddles | Plays/skits | Maps |
| Simulations | Slogans | Letters/postcards | Timelines |
| Recipes | Songs/lyrics | Crossword puzzles | Multimedia presentations |
| Legends | Questionnaires | Summaries | Discussion group questions |
| Definitions | Invitations | Consumer reports | Limericks |
| Bibliographies | Story boards | Articles (newspaper, journal, etc.) | Grants |
| Rhymes | Greeting cards | | |

| Artistic Products | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Architecture | Batik | Landscaping | Puzzles |
| Murals | Exhibits | Terrariums | Car designs |
| Decoration | Cartoons | Mosaic | Maps |
| Sculpture | Book covers/designs | Collage | Sewing |
| Filmstrips | Fabric design | Silk screens | Puppets |
| Slide shows | Maps | Movies | Set design |
| Comic strips | Mobiles | Videos | Tin ware |
| Yearbook | Fashion design | Computer graphics | Pottery |
| Advertisements | Jewelry | Aquariums | Iron work |
| Drawing | Diorama | Painting | Weaving |
| Graphic design | Furniture design | Web pages | Calligraphy |
| Photography | Wood carvings | Package design | Tessellations |
| Engraving | Political cartoons | Postcards | Multimedia presentations |
| Etching | Horticultural design | Posters | |
| | | Computer graphics | |

| Performance Products | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Skits | Dance | Films/videos | Interpretive song |
| Role playing | Mime | Reader's theater | Composition |
| Simulations | Puppet shows | Poetry readings | Chorale |
| Theatrical performance | Dramatic monologues | Improvisations | Concerts |
| Vocal | Comic performances | Musical performance | Parades |
| Athletic events | Demonstrations | Experiments | Reenactments |

| Spoken Products | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Debates | Lecture | D. J. Shows | Book talks |
| Speeches | Mock trials | Panel discussions | Chronicles |
| Radio plays | Songs | Celebrity roasts | Forums |
| Advertisements | Sales promotions | Narrations | Sign language |
| Poetry readings | Simulations | Sermons | Puppet shows |
| Storytelling | Demonstrations | Dedication | Book reviews |
| Poetry for two voices | Phone conversations | ceremonies | Audiotapes |
| Interviews | Eulogies | Weather reports | Infomercials |
| Oral histories | Announcements | Rap songs | Master of ceremony |
| Newscasts | Comedy routines | Town crier | Oral reports |
| | | Guided tours | |

| Visual Products | | | |
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| Videos | Layouts | Ice sculptures | Maps |
| Slide/digital photo shows | Models | Demonstrations | Diagrams |
| Computer printouts | Pottery | Cartoons | Mobiles |
| Sculptures | Proclamations | Travel brochures | Set design |
| Table settings | Computer programs | Athletic skills | Experiments |
| Advertisements | Timelines | Blueprints | Caricatures |
| Puppets | Diagrams/charts | Lists | Silk screening |
| Calendars | Sketches | Multimedia | Graphic organizer |
| Musical scores | Graphs | presentations | Photography |
| Book jackets | Collages | Graphic design | Fashion design |
| | | Paintings | |

| Leadership Products | | | |
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| Speeches | Mock trails | Open forums | Service learning projects |
| Plans | Musical performances | Fund raising | Editing a newspaper |
| School patrols | Elections | Student council/government | Directing a plan |
| Leading rallies | Debates | Organizing a business | Bulletin board/chat room/discussion group on internet |
| Consensus building | Campaigns | Organizing a group | Club or class webmaster |
| Role playing | Protests | Editorials | |

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