

Art Virtual Learning

8th grade Art 3

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Objective/Learning Target

I can practice gesture drawing.

Take a closer look at a Famous Artist and their work

Explore a technique or Artist happening somewhere in the world right now!

Figure drawing challenges

Masterpiece Monday

Technique Tuesday

What's Up Wednesday

Thumbnail Thursday

Finally Friday

Practice Skills Known and new techniques

Small, loose sketches of objects we find or design concepts

Today for technique Tuesday we are going to practice drawing loosely and quickly; Gesture Drawing.

Yesterday we learned about American Realism and we studied George Bellows painting.

Looking at this painting, why would gesture drawing be a good technique to practice as we explore American Realism?



The primary purpose of **gesture drawing** is to study the human figure in motion. This exploration is helpful for the artist to better understand action; the muscles, the effects of twisting on the body, and the natural range of motion in the joints.



Gesture drawing can also be used as a great skill to quickly jot down ideas and scenes as we see them to later revisit and make into a final masterpiece.



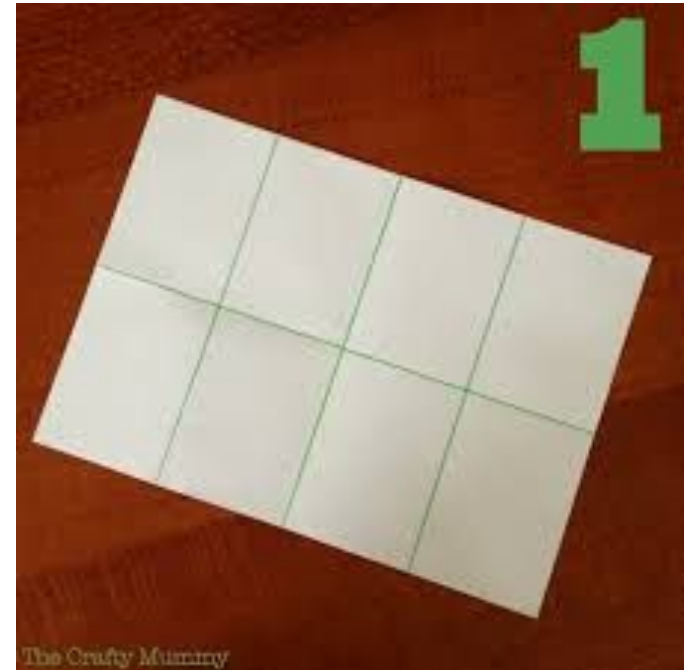
Let's take Bellows' painting and we are going to work backwards. Create a gesture drawing of this scene. Begin with the most important figures and fill in the smaller figures last.



Let's practice a bit more today!

In this exercise you want to get as much information down on the paper in short amount of time. You will be doing a series of drawings here, so make sure you have plenty of paper and a timer on hand.

OR you can fold your paper into sections to help save space. Gesture drawings can be small like thumbnails if you need.



Choose something to draw. If you have someone at home to pose, use them! It is great practice. If not, use your hand, or a pet, an action figure, or doll...

The first drawings you only have 20 seconds to complete. Yes 20 seconds! Repeat the 20 second drawings about 10 times and increase the timer to 40 seconds.

FORGET about the “mistakes” that you are making. Make sure you keep drawing like you were when you only had 20 seconds. Increase the time again to 2 minutes after you have completed about 10 drawings at 40 seconds.





How to show
us your
creations...

We'd love to see your
work!!!

Email your art teacher and
be sure to tag your
principal as well.

*BE BOLD, BE SAFE, and
TAKE CARE OF YOU!*

*All the best,
Ms. Perez*

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