Drawing Unit – Contour Drawing

6th Grade
State of Maryland Standards

- **1.3.b:** Identify ways to use the elements of art & principles of design to communicate ideas, thoughts, & feelings in planning personal artworks

- **3.1.b:** Select and use a variety of tools, materials, processes, and techniques safely to solve specific visual problems

- **3.2.b:** Apply elements of art and principles of design to communicate specific ideas in visual compositions
Engage – Do Now – on a blank piece of paper draw a blind contour of your right shoe

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Today’s Agenda
Evaluate – Exit Ticket – Draw an object, such as an apple or water bottle and add cross contour lines
Objectives – Students will look at contour line drawings and how artists use them to create representations of forms. Students will be able to use different types of contour line drawings to create representations of forms.

What are contour lines and how do artists use them in works of art?
How can we make our drawings more accurate?
To begin, let's look at the definition of contour line in art.

Textbook Definition –
Contour drawing, is an artistic technique used in the field of art in which the artist sketches the contour of a subject by drawing lines that result in a drawing that is essentially an outline; the French word contour meaning, “outline.”

Our Definition –
Contour drawing, is an drawing technique that focuses on the outline of an object and any other line details.

A.k.a – Outlines and interior line details
Line

A line is a mark or stroke that is long in proportion to its width. Lines are the fundamental marks used in drawing. There are three uses for line in art:

• Contour - used to define edges
• Divide space - used to separate areas in an image
• Decoration - used to adorn or embellish
Contour Line Drawing

Line Drawing with Interior Lines
Classwork

You will need a piece of paper and a notebook to lean on. Everyone must also have an object to draw from.

Contour

![Contour drawing of a mug](image.png)
Concentrating on Contour Lines

Step 1 – Hide: Place your paper and notebook on your lap under the table.
Step 2 – Look Ahead: Place your object on the table in front of you.
Step 3 – Draw: Using a pencil or pen draw the contour of the object without looking down at your paper. Do not take your pen or pencil off of the paper or you will lose your place.
How to Create a Blind Contour Line Drawing

Step 1 - Hide
Step 2 - Look Ahead
Step 3 - Draw
Don't Worry

Your Drawing is not supposed to be Perfect!

Don't Look Down

I will know if you cheated!
Your Drawings will look something like this:

* Your Drawings are examples of Blind Contours
Let’s Review

In order to create a blind contour line drawing you must: Hide, Look Ahead, and Draw

Creating Blind Contour Line Drawings help artists focus more on the object they are looking at. Once they have gotten comfortable drawing the contours of the object blind, they are likely to complete more accurate drawings of that object in the future.
Traditional Contour line Drawing

Contour Line Drawing

Line Drawing with Interior Lines
Cross – Contour Drawing

Cross-contour drawings
Adding form to a shape through value, shading, hatching, & stippling techniques