

Grade K – Blind Contour Drawing



Line

What do you see?



Rodeo Rider, 1981, William Cumming

Artistic Focus: Line



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LINE is the one-dimensional path of a dot through space used by artists to control the viewer's eye movement; a thin mark made by a pencil, pen, or brush.

Today's objective:

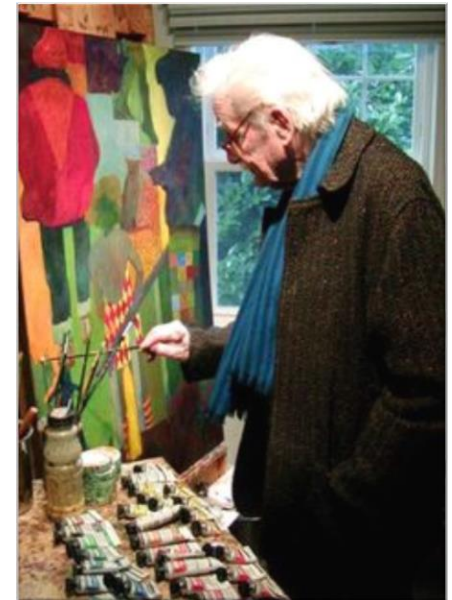
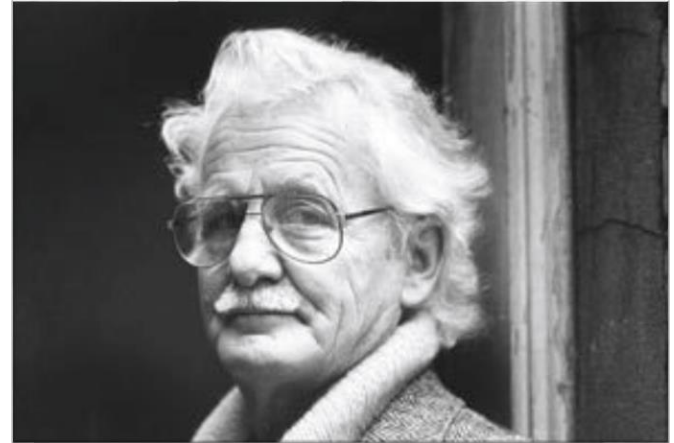
1. To draw contour lines (outlines) quickly.
2. To draw lines without looking at the paper!
3. To have fun.

WA State Visual Arts Standard

Engage in exploration and imaginative play with materials.
(VA: Cr1.1.K)

William Cumming

- March 24, 1917-November 22, 2010
- Born in Kalispell, Montana and grew up in Tukwila, Washington
- Member of the Northwest School and taught at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle
- Drew and painted people in motion
 - fascinated by the human body in motion
- Liked to make quick sketches of a brief moment in time
- Concentrated on drawing the outline of a figure first – contour drawing



Artwork



Line drawings, 1978, William Cumming

Artwork



Stepping, 2003, William Cumming



Skier, 2009, William Cumming

Materials

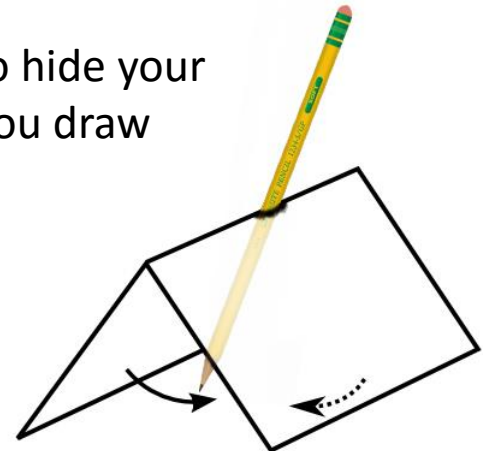
Newsprint or drawing paper



Pencil



Paper tent to hide your work as you draw

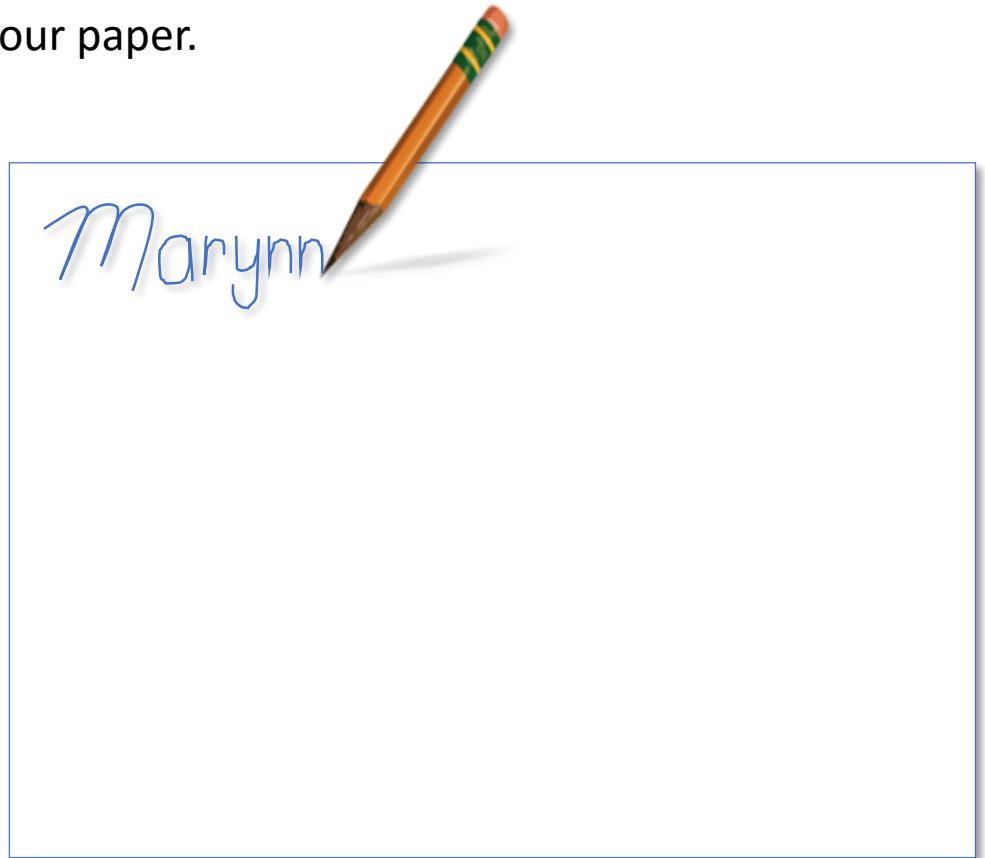


Example of Today's Project



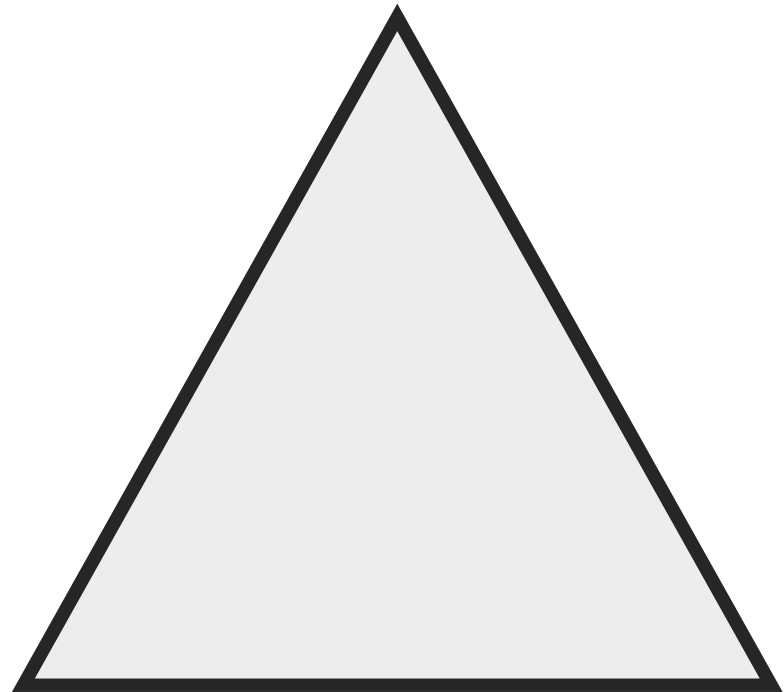
Before You Begin

1. Write your **name** in pencil on your paper.
2. Roll up your sleeves!



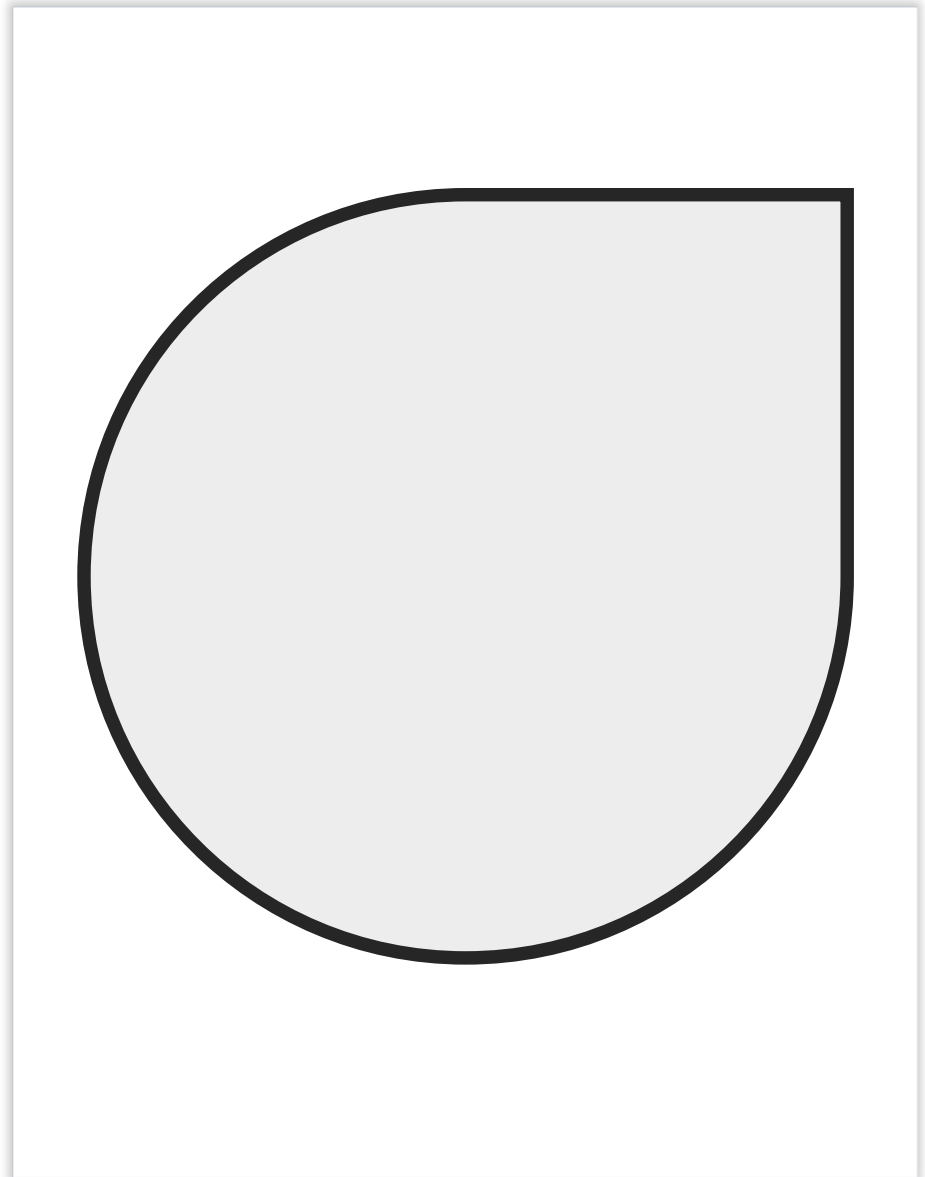
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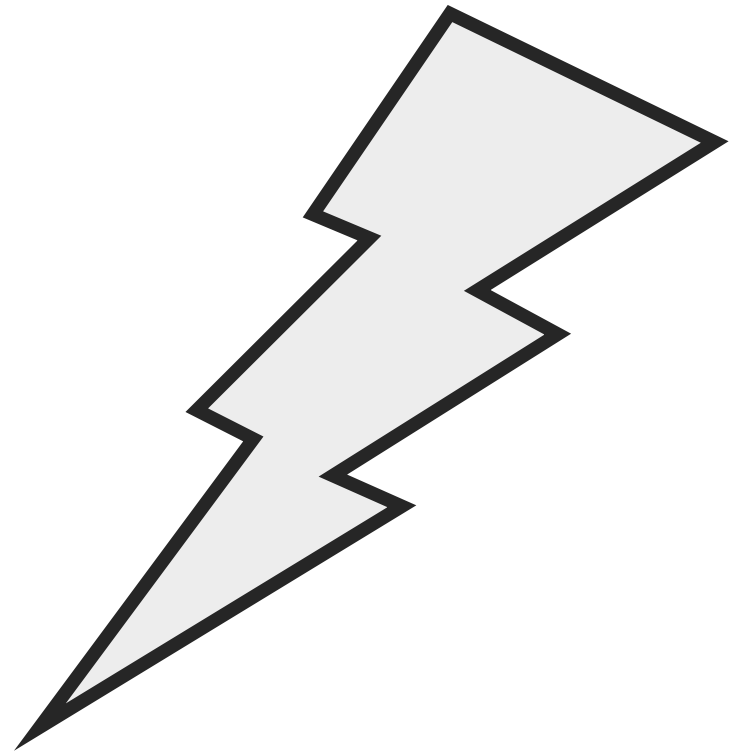
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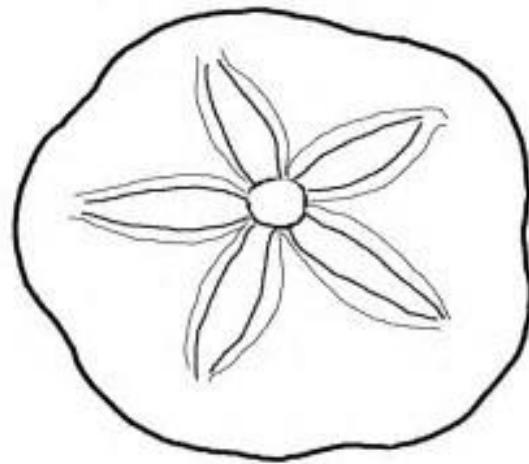
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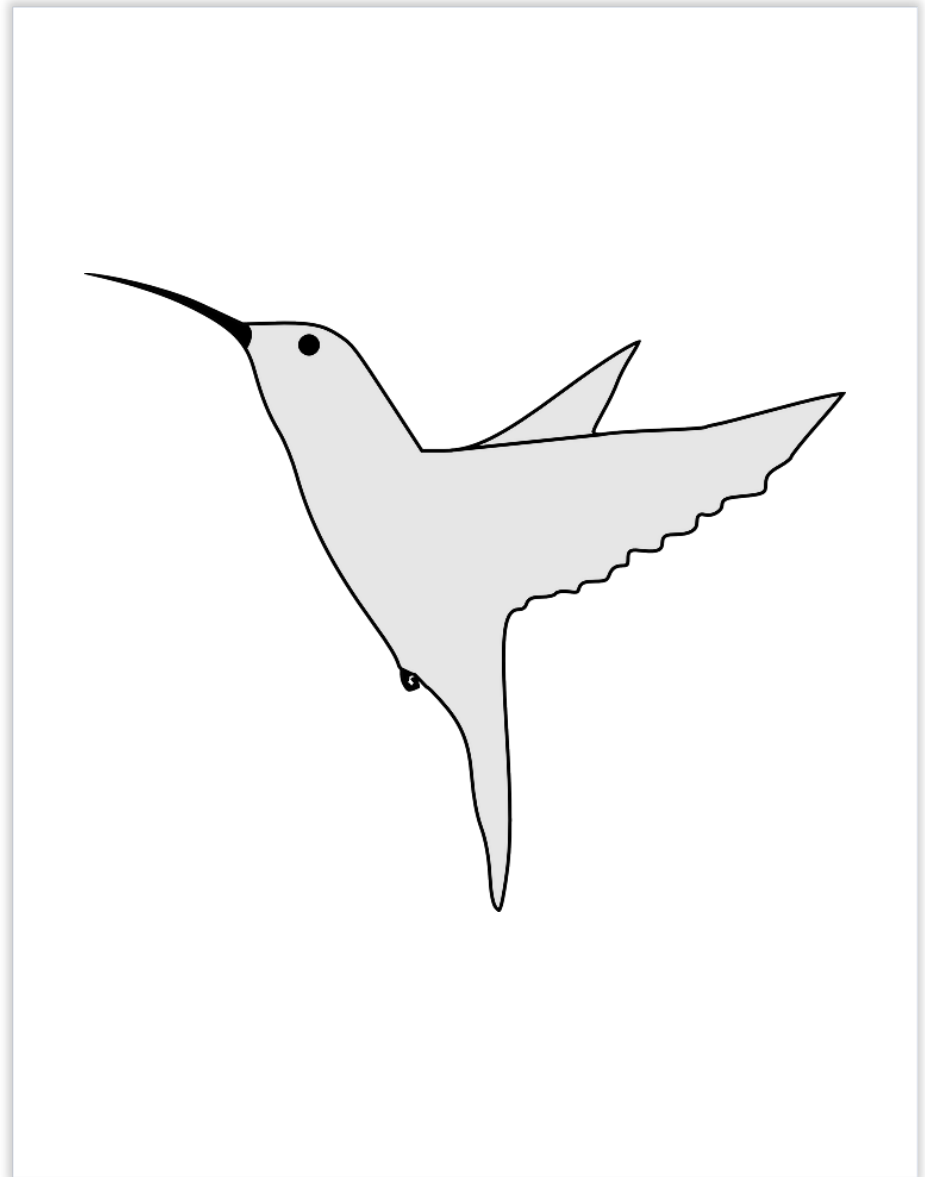
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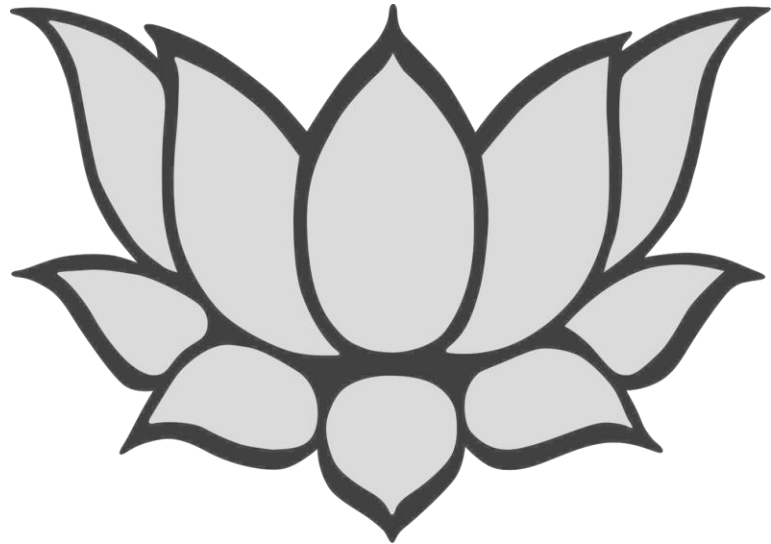
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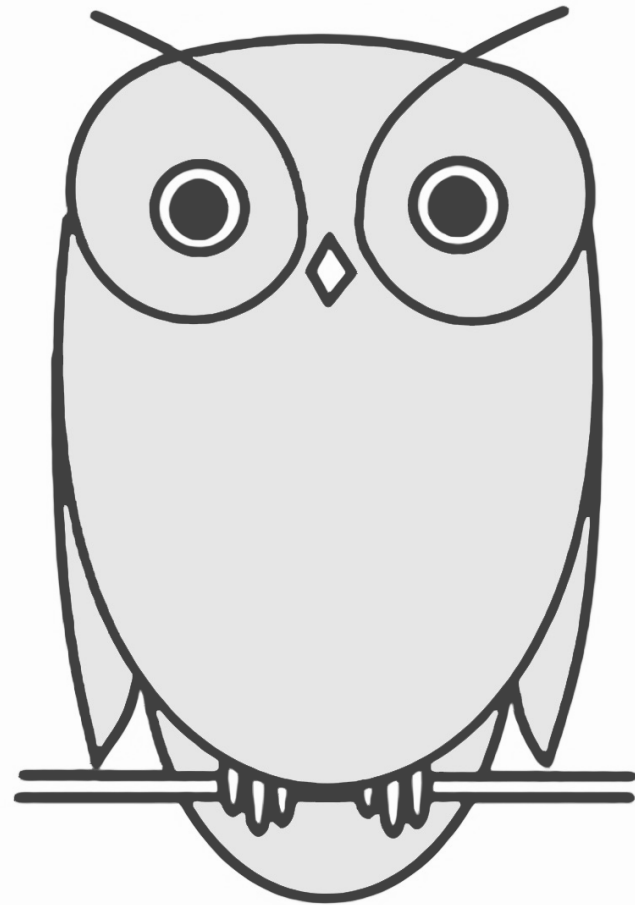
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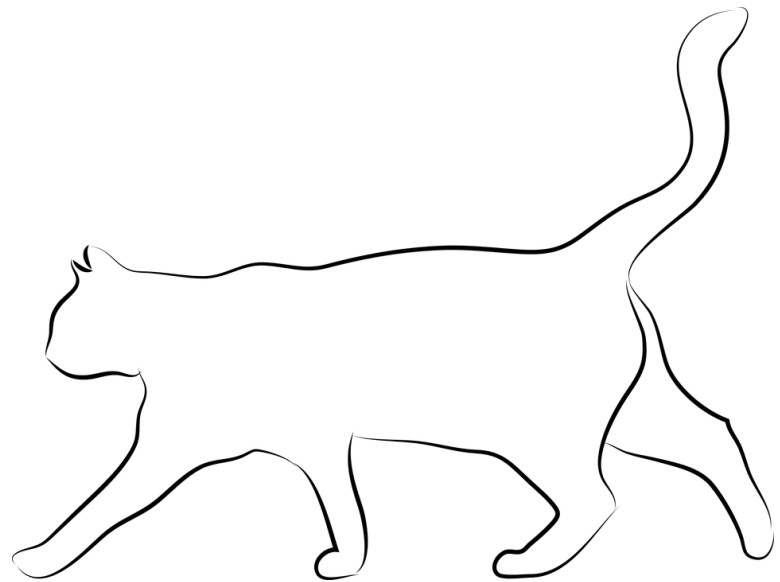
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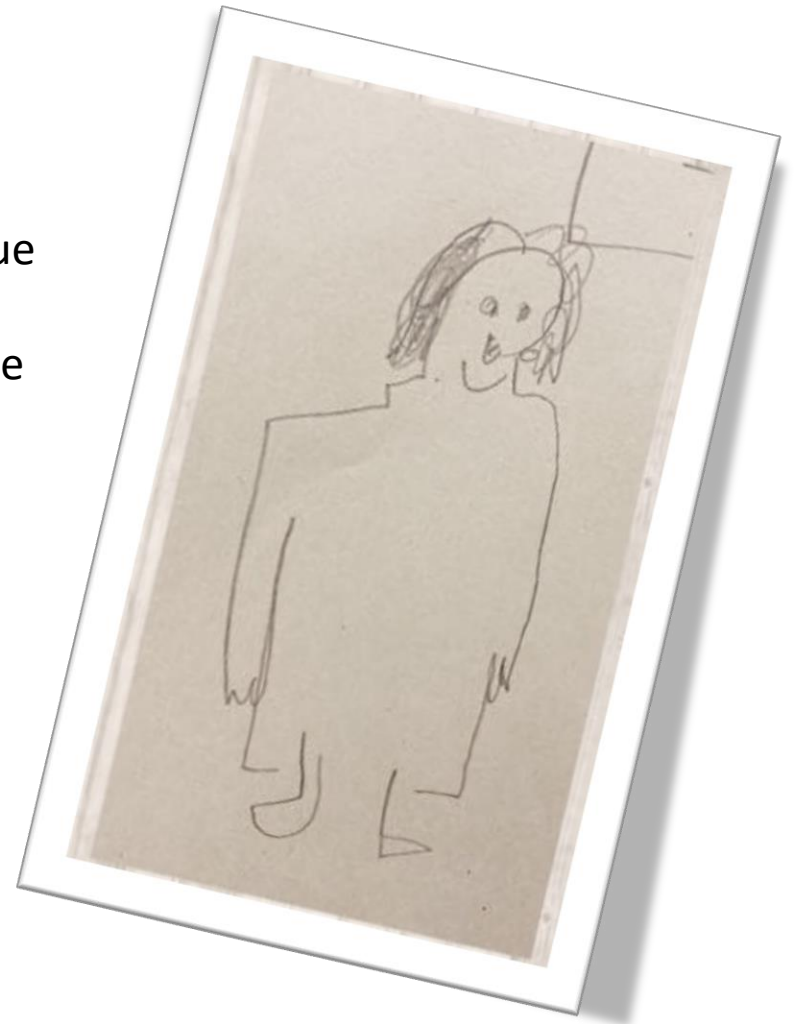
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- Now keep your eyes on me and draw my outline!
- Make a steady, continuous line.
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ME!

Reflection

- What was it like to draw contour lines without looking at your paper?
- Do you recognize the shapes you drew?
- Artists use the blind contour drawing technique to learn how to draw shapes quickly. Do you think that it will get easier to draw this way the more you practice?
- What was your favorite part of this lesson?
- Would anyone like to share their art?



Credits

1. About William Cumming
<http://www.woodsidebrasethgallery.com/artists/william-cumming/>
2. More information https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Cumming_%28artist%29
3. Definition https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blind_contour_drawing
4. Original LWSD art sample, used with permission.



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