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SCULPTURE MUSEUM**

## **Drawing What You See**

Becoming a great artist requires a lot of practice. Most times artists will draw what they see in the world. It could be nature or everyday objects, but they will use it as a way to practice shapes and linework. For this activity, take the time to do a quick drawing of 5 different things near you. Aim to only spend about 5-10 minutes on each and avoid erasing. Accept the mistakes you do make, not every piece you make will be perfect. The goal is to get better over time, and to do that you need to allow yourself to fail while trying.

Below is a list of things to keep in mind when you are looking for a composition to draw:

- Look at how the edges of objects line up. Are there any awkward connections? You want to be able to tell which objects are in front in the foreground and which objects are in the background.
- Pay attention to your point of view to the object. Can you tell what the objects are? Sometimes the point of view can make things look like something they are not.
- Make it challenging, but not too challenging. Are the objects too complex? You want to challenge yourself and your skills, but keep in mind where you are starting out and remember it takes time to work your way up to more complex objects.
- Pick out something that you like or find interesting. Is there something that reminds you of your favorite hobby or of something in your life? Drawing spheres and bottles can get boring after a while, so it's important to include objects to draw that you find interesting to keep your motivation up.

Once you are done, take a minute to reflect on how you did. Are there any parts of the drawings that you like? What do you think you could improve on? Do you think it is a finished piece?

Artists no matter what skill level they are at are recommended to create something at least once a day, whether that is working on a piece that they have been working on or to do a drawing exercise like you did. It takes years to get to where your favorite artists are at now, but they started out as a beginner just like you.

**Hours: Monday - Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Free Admission!**

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