

ART ACTIVITY

180 DAILY SKETCHBOOK PROMPTS



TEACHER NOTES



Prompt 1:

- Get out your sketchbook and a pen with a cap.
- Place the pen in front of you.
- Create a sketch of the pen, with the cap on or off.
- Include as many details as you can:
 - Text on the pen.
 - How is the cap included?
 - Is it round or does it have flat sides?
 - Does your pen have a pattern?
 - Add the cast shadow.

Prompt 5:

- Get out your sketchbook and a pencil.
- Design an alien from another planet.
- Add details:
 - Think about what planet they are from and how that impacts the way they look.
 - Think about their eyes, nose, and mouth (or lack of).
 - Think about their hairstyle.
 - What are they wearing?
 - How many limbs do they have?
 - If you have time, add color using colored pencils.



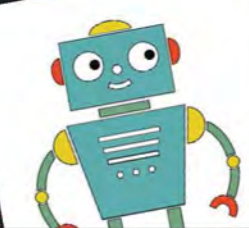
Prompt 90:

- Get out your sketchbook and a pencil.
- Free draw!
- Draw whatever you want, just make sure you are focused for the full 5 minutes.



Prompt 65:

- Get out your sketchbook and a pencil.
- Design your own robot.
- Think creatively, what is your robot designed to do?
- What elements does it need to do that job?
- Add details, if you have time add color.
- Have fun, express yourself.



DAILY SKETCHBOOK PROMPTS FOR AN ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR

SKETCHBOOK



These sketchbook prompts were designed for middle school and high school art students, it can be adapted for upper elementary.



Teach daily sketchbook habits and build drawing confidence.



Lesson plan, teacher notes, prompt checklist.

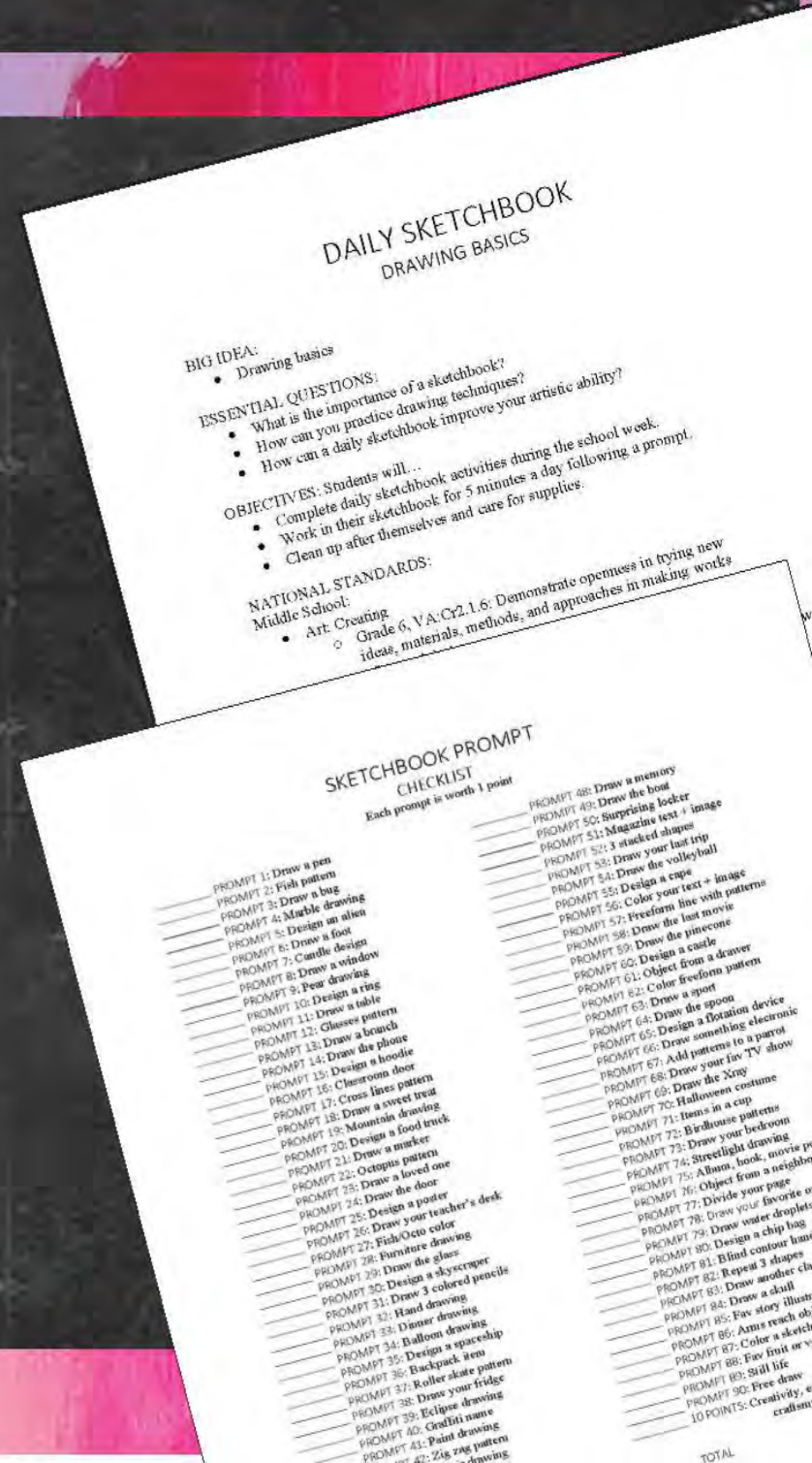


180 prompts to use every day for 18 weeks. Show one slide per day, class opener and bell ringer instructions included.

WHAT YOU GET

This Project Pack Includes:

- ✓ Lesson Plan (3 pages)
- ✓ Teacher Notes (1 pages)
- ✓ 2 Presentations (96 slides each)
- ✓ Opener, Bell Ringer Instructions
- ✓ Prompt checklist (2 pages)



LESSON PLAN & TEACHER NOTES:

- BIG IDEA
- ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS,
- US NATIONAL STANDARDS
- STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS
- CLASSROOM SET UP
- TEACHING TIPS

& MORE!

DAILY SKETCHBOOK DRAWING BASICS

BIG IDEA:

- Drawing basics

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- What is the importance of a sketchbook?
- How can you practice drawing techniques?
- How can a daily sketchbook improve your artistic ability?

OBJECTIVES: Students will...

- Complete daily sketchbook
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- VA:Cn10.1.HSII: Utilize inquiry methods of observation, research, and experimentation to explore unfamiliar subjects through art-making.

SUPPLIES:

- Computer and projector or board to show slides.
- Sketchbooks
- Pencils
- Colored pencils or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue
- Mirrors

PRODUCT:

- 45 completed sketchbook pages

PRINTABLES:

- Assignment checklist

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- Project presentation

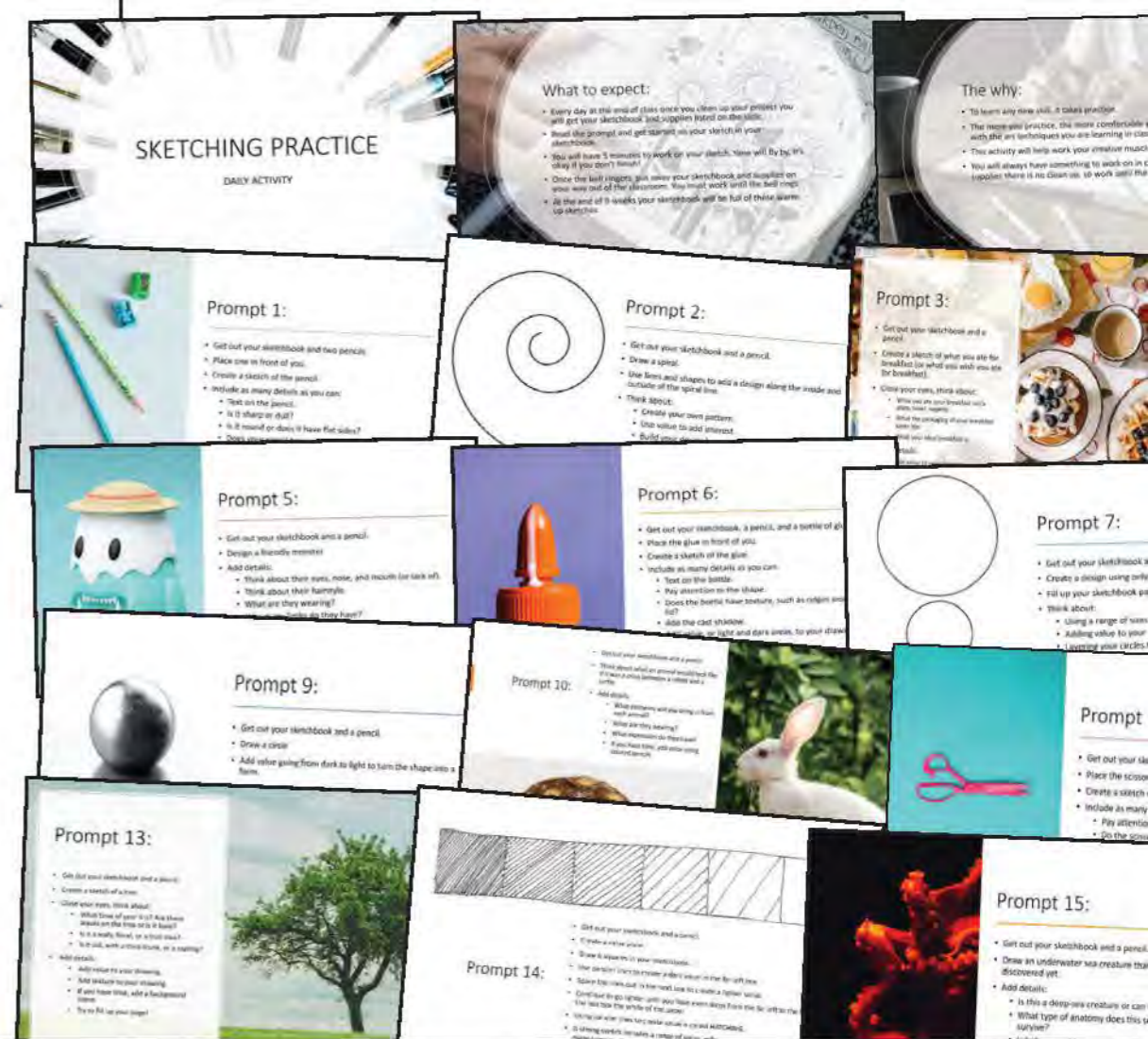
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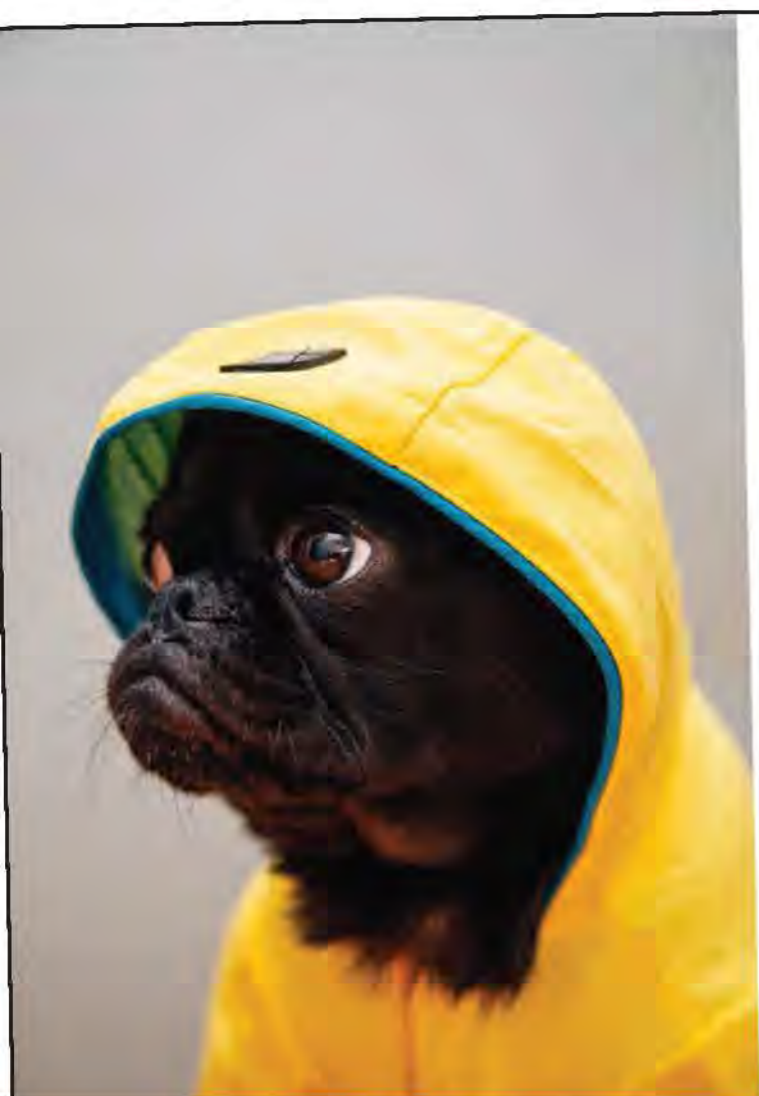
Prompt 16:

- Get out your sketchbook and a pencil.
- Draw your non-dominant hand.
- Think about whether you want your hand flat, holding something, or in a different position.
- Include as many details as you can:
 - Make sure you LOOK at your hand as you draw it!
 - Pay attention to the contour line of your hand.
 - Add details such as wrinkles, fingernails, rings, etc.
 - Add value, or light and dark areas, to your drawing.



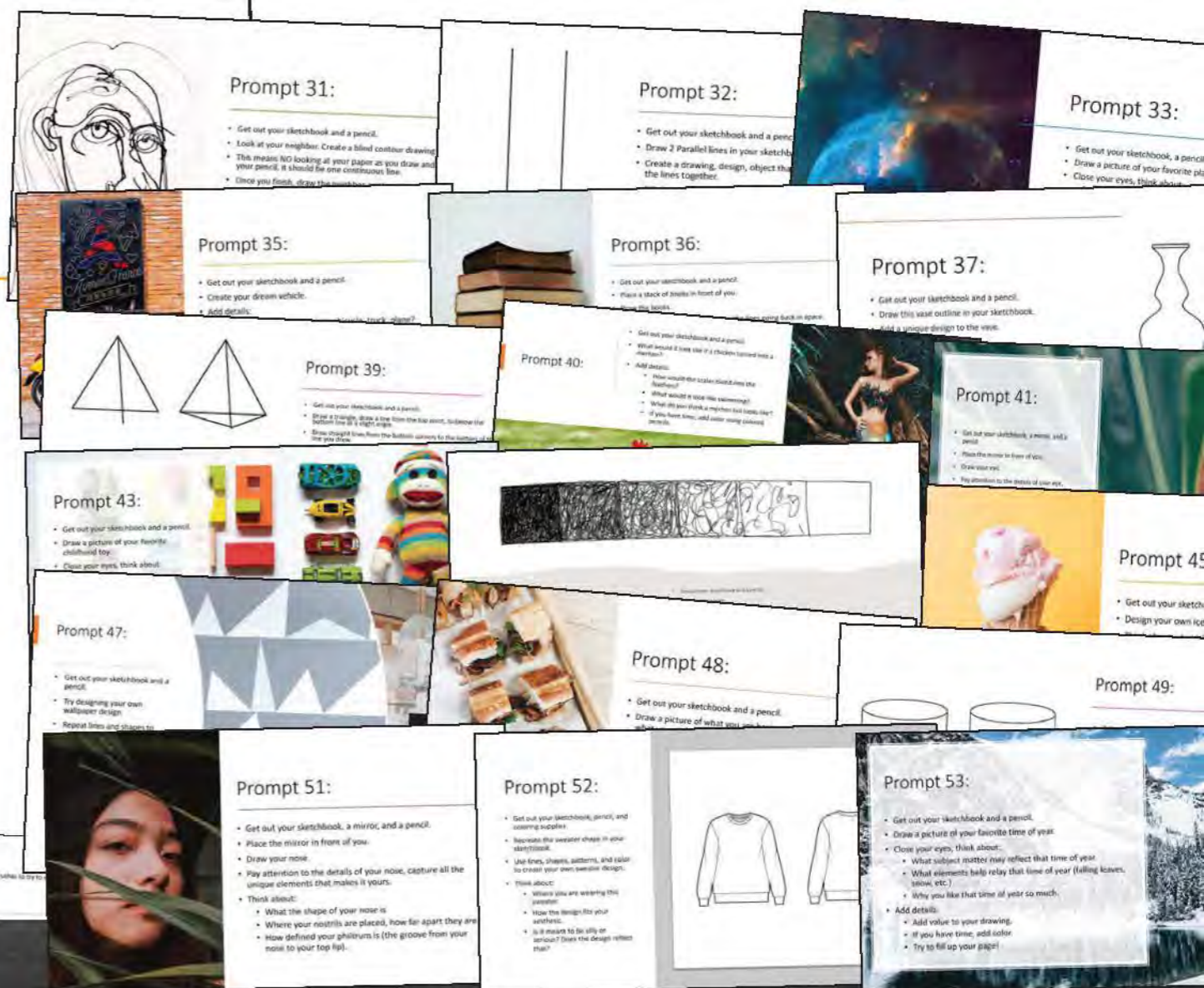
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SHOW ONE SLIDE PER DAY, 96 SLIDES, 2 PRESENTATIONS



Prompt 38:

- Get out your sketchbook and a pencil.
- Draw a picture of your pet or the pet you wish you had.
- Close your eyes, think about:
 - What type of animal it is.
 - What type of texture it has, fur, scales, smooth.
 - Distinguishing features.
 - Patterns it has.
 - What their personality is like.
- Add details:
 - Add value to your drawing.
 - If you have time, add a background scene.
 - Try to fill up your page!



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Prompt 29:

- Get out your sketchbook and a pencil.
- Draw the picture of the glass of water.
- Start with the contour line, or outline of the glass.
- Add the water line.
- Add value to create a three-dimensional look.
- Think about:
 - Where the highlight, or the lightest area, is.
 - How the values create a design in the glass.



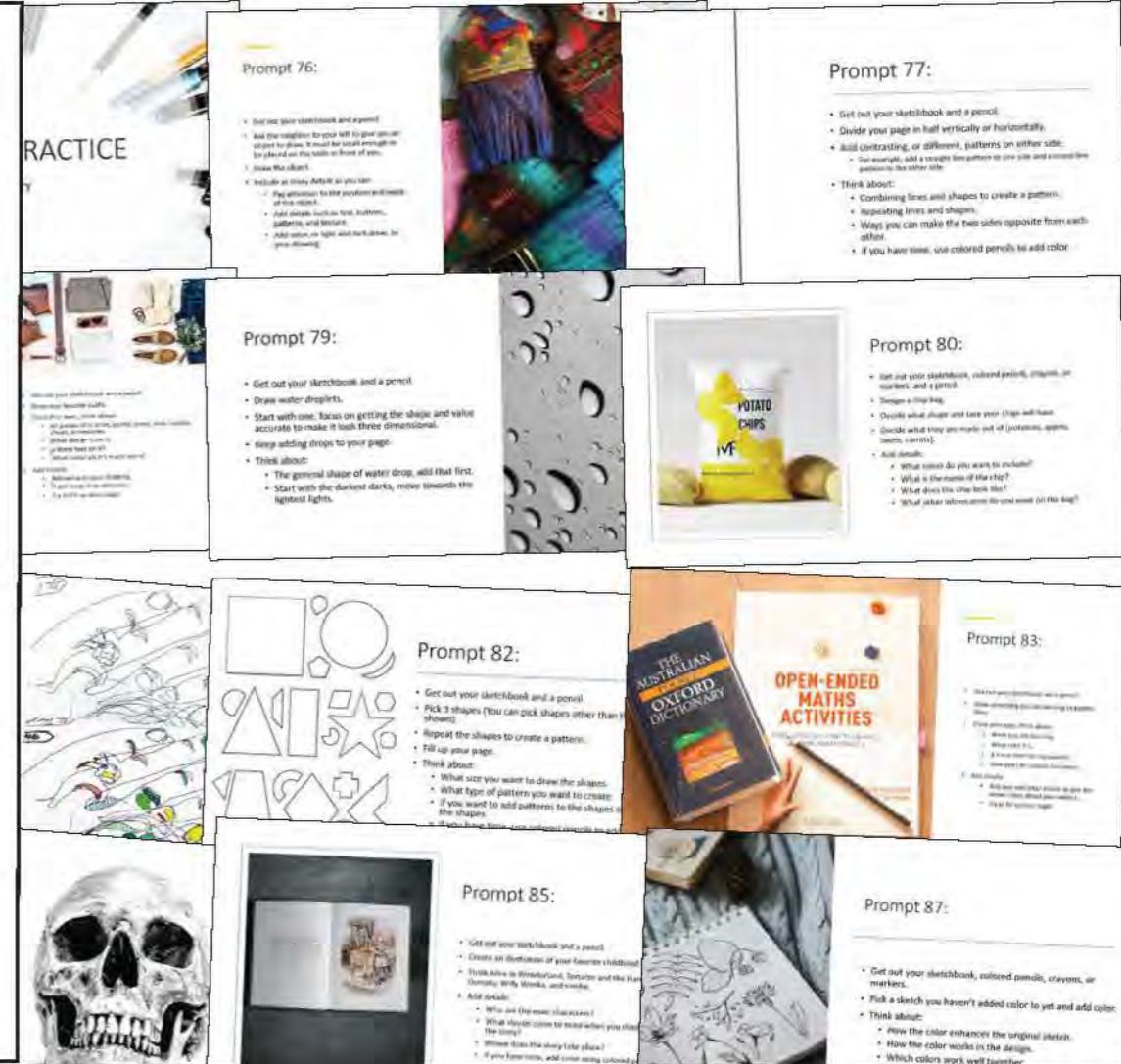
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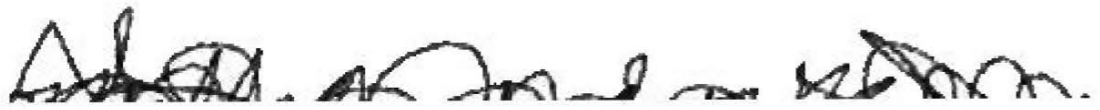
Prompt 74:

- Get out your sketchbook and a pencil.
- Draw the streetlight.
- Capture the value in the light.
- Try to capture how the lamp shines.
- Adding a light gray background and erasing out a lighter area around the streetlight will help it look like it's glowing.
- Think about:
 - The general shape of the light, draw that first.
 - Start with the darkest darks, move towards the lightest lights.

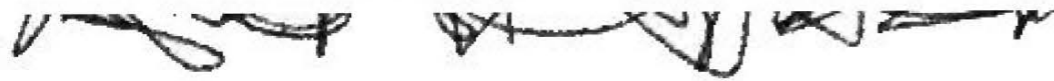


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TEACHER NOTES



SKETCHBOOK SET UP:

- Student can bring their own sketchbooks or make their own.
- I prefer to have students make their own sketchbooks using a specific technique in every class. With AP sketchbook and students decorate their sketchbooks.
- Having students start the year with a sketchbook project.
- Making or decorating sketchbooks during the first week of class (50 min. per class, class-wide) is a good way to ease into the year with a hands-on activity.
- Check the sketchbook design as a formative assessment.
- Sketchbook DIY options:
 - o Decorate a manila folder, spiral notebook, or binder.
 - o Coptic bookbinding
 - o Accordion sketchbook
 - o Perfect bound sketchbook
 - o Saddle stitch sketchbook
 - o Belgian bookbinding

SKETCHBOOK PROMPT CHECKLIST

Each prompt is worth 1 point

- _____ PROMPT 1: Draw a pen
- _____ PROMPT 2: Fish pattern
- _____ PROMPT 3: Draw a bug
- _____ PROMPT 4: Marble drawing

- _____ PROMPT 48: Draw a memory
- _____ PROMPT 49: Draw the boat
- _____ PROMPT 50: Surprising locker
- _____ PROMPT 51: Magazine text + image
- _____ PROMPT 52: 3 stacked shapes
- _____ PROMPT 53: Draw your last trip
- _____ PROMPT 54: Draw the volleyball
- _____ PROMPT 55: Design a cape
- _____ PROMPT 56: Color your text + image
- _____ PROMPT 57: Freeform line with patterns
- _____ PROMPT 58: Draw the last movie
- _____ PROMPT 59: Draw the pinecone
- _____ PROMPT 60: Design a castle
- _____ PROMPT 61: Object from a drawer
- _____ PROMPT 62: Color freeform pattern
- _____ PROMPT 63: Draw a sport
- _____ PROMPT 64: Draw the spoon
- _____ PROMPT 65: Design a flotation device
- _____ PROMPT 66: Draw something electronic
- _____ PROMPT 67: Add patterns to a parrot
- _____ PROMPT 68: Draw your fav TV show
- _____ PROMPT 69: Draw the Xray
- _____ PROMPT 70: Halloween costume
- _____ PROMPT 71: Items in a cup

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| _____ PROMPT 1: Draw a pencil | _____ PROMPT 48: Draw your lunch |
| _____ PROMPT 2: Spiral pattern | _____ PROMPT 49: Draw a cylinder |
| _____ PROMPT 3: Draw your breakfast | _____ PROMPT 50: Design a light |
| _____ PROMPT 4: Value scale | _____ PROMPT 51: Draw your nose |
| _____ PROMPT 5: Design a monster | _____ PROMPT 52: Design a sweater |
| _____ PROMPT 6: Draw glue | _____ PROMPT 53: Draw your favorite season |
| _____ PROMPT 7: Circle design | _____ PROMPT 54: Draw the leaf |
| _____ PROMPT 8: Dream vacation | _____ PROMPT 55: Design a skate deck |

TEACHER NOTES

2 CHECKLISTS

TEACHERS LOVE MY ART ACTIVITIES:



"These are so well made and the prompts are helpful for students who may need more direction in understanding the principles. My special needs students colored, cut and glued them into their sketchbooks. Thank you!"



"This is a great way for students to practice what they have learned. Lots of fun and creative. Thank you."

CHECK OUT MORE PRODUCTS:

ART CRITIQUE ACTIVITY
29 HANDOUTS
20 CRITIQUES
12 LESSONS

12 CRITIQUE LESSONS:
20 ACTIVITIES TO
MAKE CRITIQUES FUN

LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES
BY SHARINNE PASTER

This product thumbnail features a collage of art critique-related materials. It includes a circular graphic with the title 'ART CRITIQUE ACTIVITY' and a list of contents: '29 HANDOUTS', '20 CRITIQUES', and '12 LESSONS'. Below this, there are various handouts and critique forms, some with colorful graphics and text like 'GO', 'STOP', '10 SECONDS', 'LINE', 'SPACE', 'PATTERN', and 'PROPORTION'. A large yellow number '12' is prominently displayed, along with the text 'CRITIQUE LESSONS: 20 ACTIVITIES TO MAKE CRITIQUES FUN'. A circular logo at the bottom left reads 'LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES BY SHARINNE PASTER'.

ART POSTERS
11 PRINCIPLES
OF DESIGN
POSTERS

PRINTABLE POSTERS FOR
YOUR CLASSROOM

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This product thumbnail displays a grid of 11 colorful posters illustrating the principles of design. The posters are titled with terms like 'CONTRAST', 'BALANCE', 'REPETITION', 'VARIETY', 'UNITY', 'PROPORTION', and 'PATTERN'. A circular graphic at the top left contains the title 'ART POSTERS' and '11 PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN POSTERS'. Below the grid, the text reads 'PRINTABLE POSTERS FOR YOUR CLASSROOM'. A circular logo at the bottom left reads 'LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES BY SHARINNE PASTER'.

ACTIVITY ELEMENTS OF ART
7 WORKSHEETS
ELEMENTS OF ART

FRONT & BACK WORKSHEETS
WITH ACTIVITIES & DIGITAL
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This product thumbnail shows a collection of worksheets for art elements. A circular graphic at the top left contains the title 'ACTIVITY ELEMENTS OF ART' and '7 WORKSHEETS ELEMENTS OF ART'. The background features various worksheets with diagrams and text for 'COLOR', 'LINE', 'SHAPE', 'VALUE', and 'TEXTURE'. Below the worksheets, the text reads 'FRONT & BACK WORKSHEETS WITH ACTIVITIES & DIGITAL FILL IN OPTIONS'. A circular logo at the bottom left reads 'LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES BY SHARINNE PASTER'.

ART CLASS DECORATION
ART SUPPLY
PRINTABLE
LABELS

BRIGHT MOTIFIN - EASY TO READ

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This product thumbnail features a collage of art supply items with colorful labels. The labels include 'CHARCOAL', 'PAPER', 'PALLETS', 'KNIFE', 'PALETTE', 'COL', 'YARN & WOOL', 'VES', 'PASTES', 'DENS', 'CALLIGRAPHY', 'COAL', 'FORKS', 'PALETTE', 'COL', 'YARN & WOOL', 'VES', 'PASTES', 'DENS', 'CALLIGRAPHY', 'COAL', 'FORKS'. A circular graphic at the top left contains the title 'ART CLASS DECORATION' and 'ART SUPPLY PRINTABLE LABELS'. Below the collage, the text reads 'BRIGHT MOTIFIN - EASY TO READ'. A circular logo at the bottom left reads 'LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES BY SHARINNE PASTER'.

Bundle Pack
20 ELEMENTS
OF ART &
PRINCIPLES
OF DESIGN
POSTERS

PRINTABLE POSTERS

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This product thumbnail displays a collection of 20 posters for art elements and principles of design. The posters are titled with terms like 'RHYTHM', 'MOVEMENT', 'PATTERN', 'VARIETY', 'EMPHASIS', 'UNITY', 'REPETITION', 'BALANCE', 'PROPORTION', 'PATTERN', 'LINE', 'RHYTHM', 'EMPHASIS', 'BALANCE', 'VARIETY', 'TEXTURE', 'UNITY', 'PRINTABLE POSTERS'. A circular graphic at the top left contains the title 'Bundle Pack' and '20 ELEMENTS OF ART & PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN POSTERS'. Below the posters, the text reads 'PRINTABLE POSTERS'. A circular logo at the bottom left reads 'LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES BY SHARINNE PASTER'.

INTRO TO ART
A SEMESTER
OF PAINTING
IN ART

EVERYTHING YOU NEED
FOR AN ENTIRE SEMESTER
IN INTRO TO ART

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LOOK BETWEEN THE LINES

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I'm Whitney, a former art teacher turned art curriculum developer. I now focus on designing art lessons, resources, & full curriculums for elementary, middle, high school art teachers, homeschool parents, & general art enthusiasts.

I am so glad to still be connected to the world of art education and I love seeing my resources "in the wild" all over the globe. Reach out anytime with questions or comments at whitneywpanetta@gmail.com.