

Drawing Source Material: Orchestras and Instruments

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Orchestras and Instruments

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video 4 times and ask the pupils to make a 1 minute, 2 minute, 3 minute and 4 minute drawing at each pause.

Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to different qualities.

Try the same exercise using different materials, ie handwriting pen, ink and nib, pastel, watercolour...

How might you invent your own instrument? What instruments might you combine? Is it self playing?

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Drawing Source Material: Shells & Spirals

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Shells

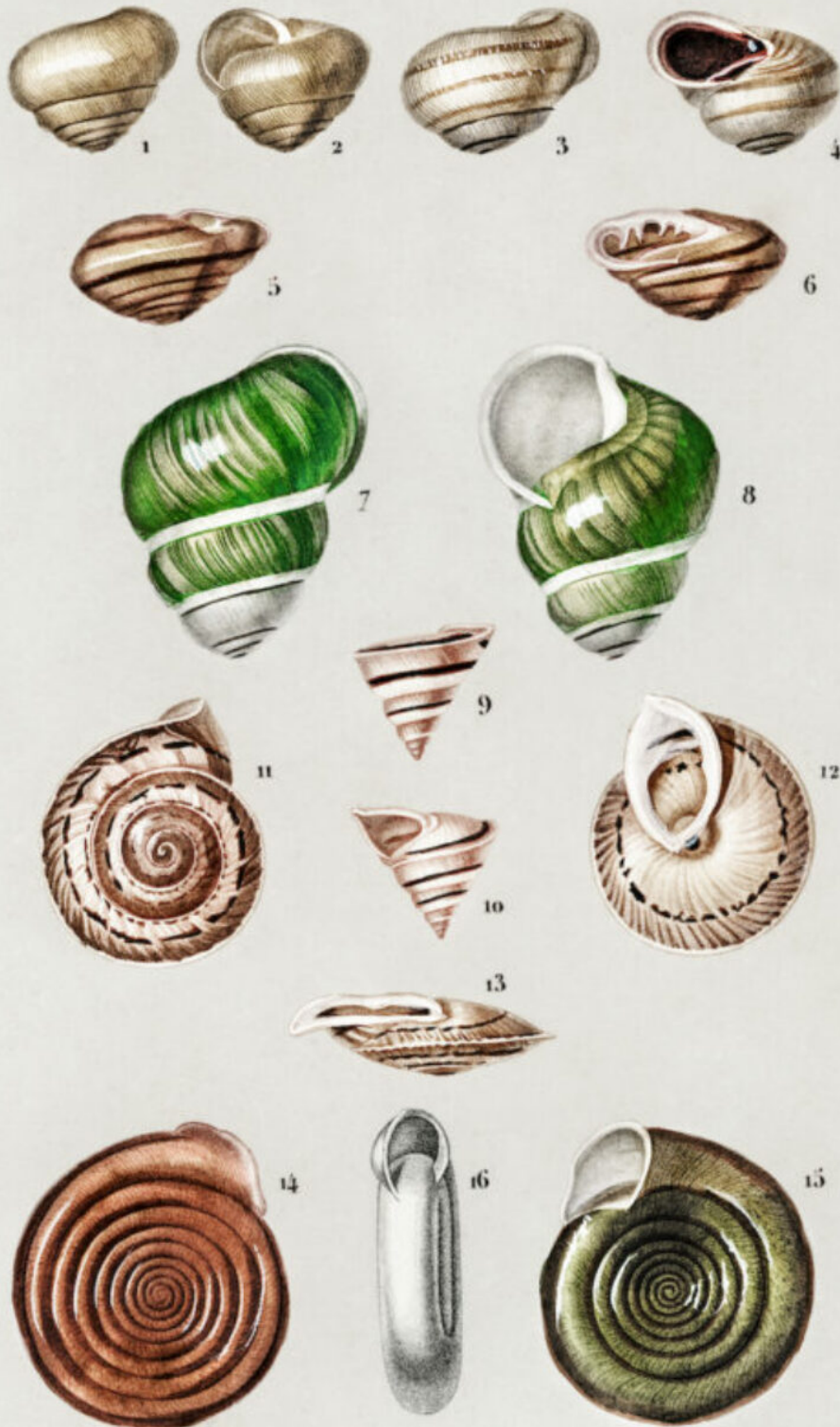
Use the films below to enable children to explore drawing shells. Try to create a sense of momentum – for example you might pause the video 4 times

and ask the pupils to make a 1 minute, 2 minute, 3 minute and 4 minute drawing at each pause.

Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to qualities of the shells.

Try the same exercise using different materials, ie handwriting pen, ink and nib, pastel, watercolour...

Charles Dessalines



Leveillé, Paris.

Fournier, 50.

- 1, 2. *Helix trochiformis* (*Helix epistylum*, Mull.)—3, 4. *Helix macrostoma* (*Helix citata*, Mull.)
 5, 6. *Helix sinuata* (*Helix sinuata*, Mull.)—7, 8. *Helix multicolor* (*Helix polychroma*, Sussm.)
 9, 10. *Helix pyramidella* (*Helix Pyramidella*, Bosc.)—11, 12, 13. *Helix de Lister* (*Helix Listeriana*, Gray.)
 14, 15, 16. *Helix polygona* (*Helix polygona*, Bosc.)

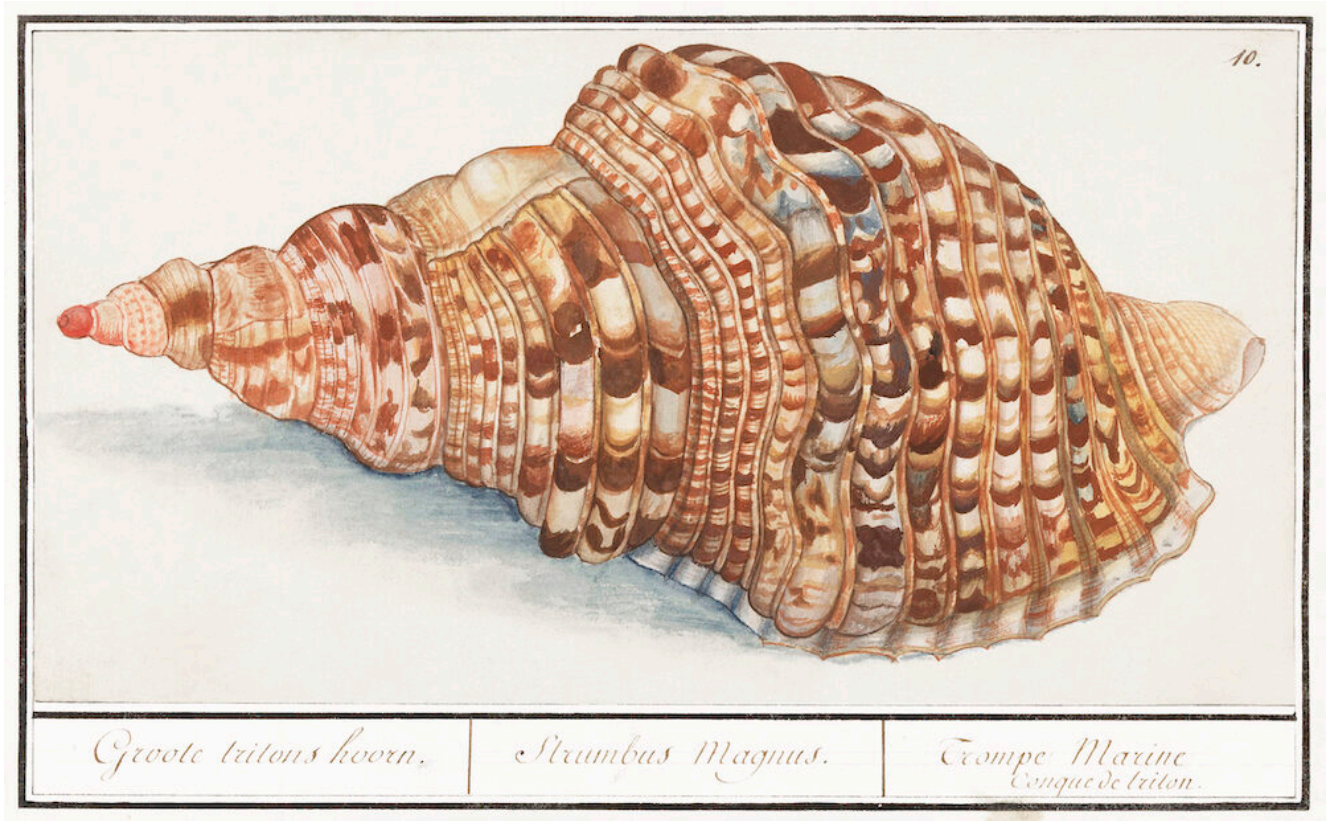


Prétre, pinx.

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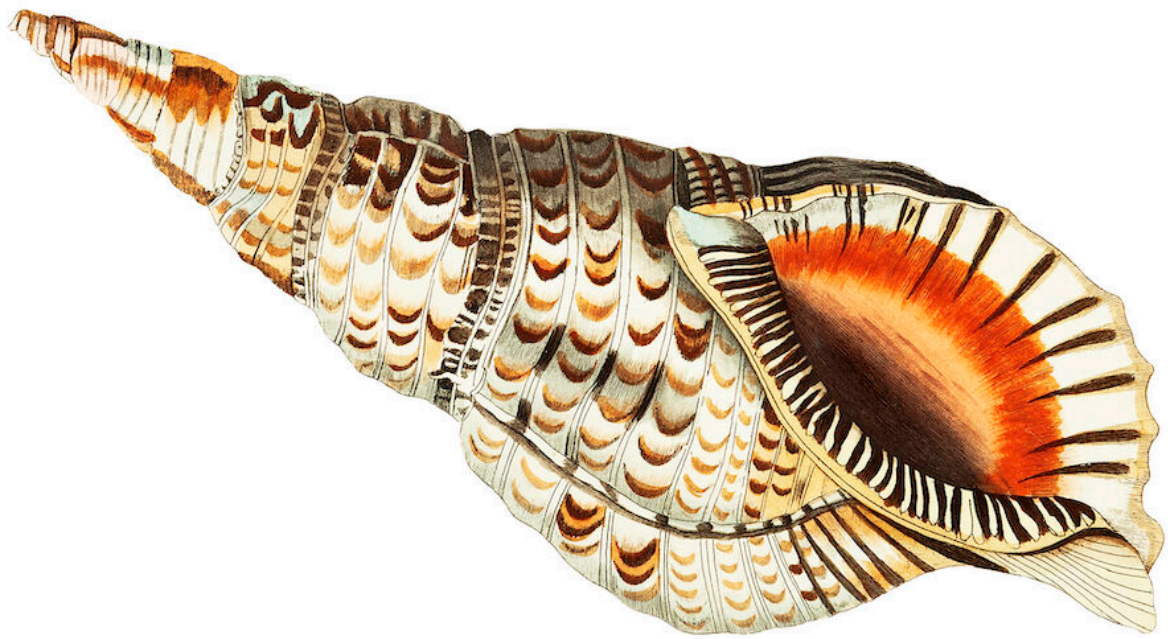
1. *Nerinea tuberculosa*. (*Nerinea nodosa* Desf.) — 2. *Cerithium chenille*. (*Cerithium aluco* Desf.)
 3. *Turbinella peire*. (*Turbinella pyrum*, Lamk.) — 4. *Cancellaria obtusa* Desf.
 5. *Pustus longirostris*. (*Pustus longirostris*, Desf.) — 6. *Recher palmé de Rosier*. (*Murex palma rosea*, Lamk.)

Anselmus Boëtius de Boodt



Common Triton Horns, *Charonia tritonis* (1596-1610)
by Anselmus Boëtius de Boodt. Original from the
Rijksmuseum.

George Shaw



**Tritonian murex or Sea trumpet illustration from
The Naturalist's Miscellany (1789-1813) by
George Shaw (1751-1813)**

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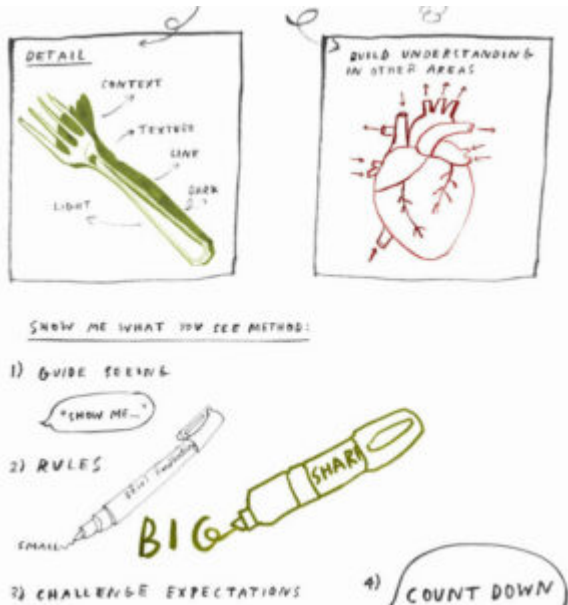
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Water

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Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to qualities of the water.

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Egyptian Artefacts

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Explore the collections of Rijksmuseum van Oudheden [here](#).

You can find lots of visual resources on [Google Arts and Culture about preserving Egypt's history](#).



Military Musicians Showing Nubian and Egyptian Styles, Nina de Garis Davies (1881–1965), New Kingdom, Dynasty 18, reign of Thutmose IV, ca. 1400–1390 B.C. From Egypt, Upper Egypt, Thebes, Sheikh Abd el-Qurna, Tomb of Tjeneny (TT 74) Tempera on paper, H. 44.5 × W. 93 cm (17 1/2 × 36 5/8 in.) Rogers Fund, 1931

Watch the clip with the volume off as you guide children's attention to parts of the paintings



Bronze statuette of Osiris, Late Dynastic-Hellenistic 664–31 B.C. Egyptian Medium: Bronze Dimensions: H. 4 1/2 in. (11.4 cm) The Cesnola Collection, 1874–76



Tomb Chapel of Raemkai: South Wall, Old Kingdom, Dynasty 5, ca. 2446–2389 B.C., From Egypt, Memphite Region, Saqqara, North of the Djoser pyramid complex, Mariette D3, Egyptian Antiquities Service/Quibell excavations, 1907–08, Limestone, paint, Rogers Fund, 1908



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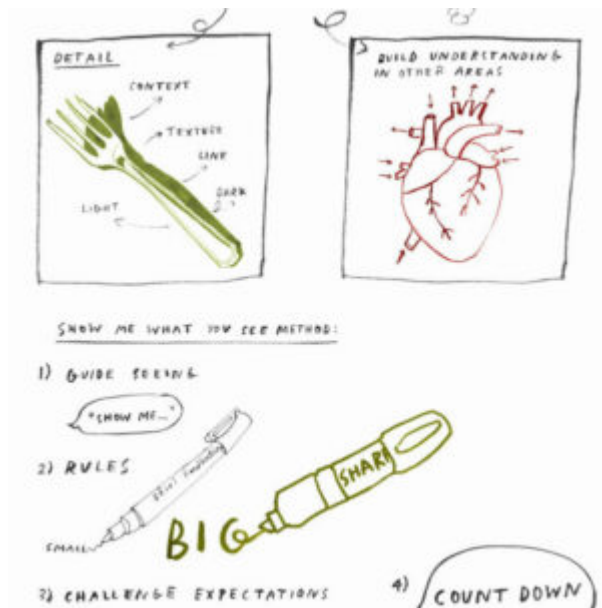


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Amazing Architectural Homes

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Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to features of the building.

When pupils are more experienced, you can also try getting them to make their drawings as the videos play – making quick gestural sketches.

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Oceans and Seas

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Find drawing exercises below to help your drawing exploration.

Drawing Exercises

1. Have the children draw in a quiet room, with the video on the whiteboard.
2. Stop the video at a chosen frame and use your voice to direct their drawing. Choose words which relate to the imagery, for example you might decide to focus their attention on vertical lines, so you might choose words like: line, growth, upward, downward, fall... or you might choose to attract their attention to the energy of a wave or the curve of an animals back. Think carefully about the words you use – they don't have to be used in sentences – you can speak lists.
3. Each sketchbook response might take just 3 to 5 minutes, then move on to another still. Create a sense of momentum.

Direct pupils to use a chosen medium. You might like to start with soft pencil or handwriting pen.

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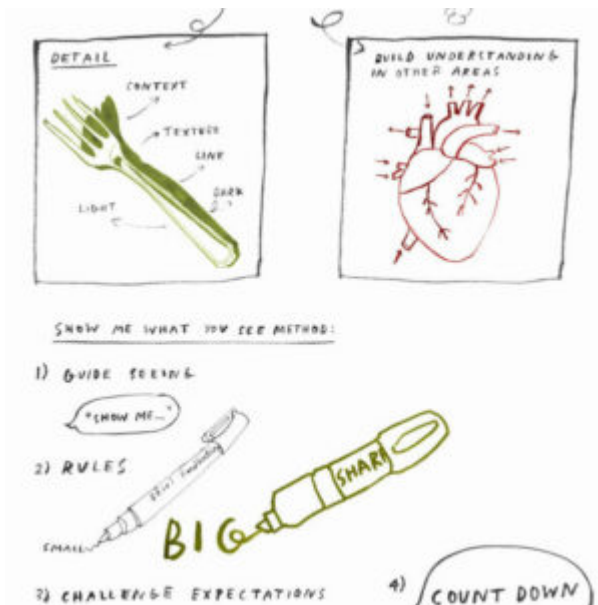


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Food

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Pathway: Festival Feasts

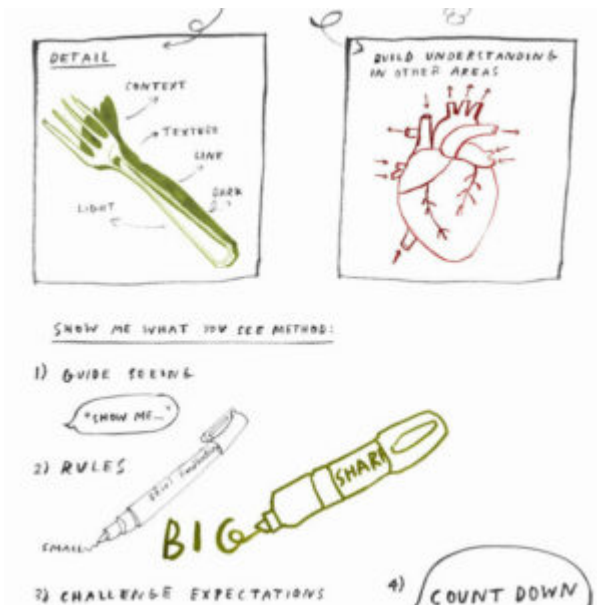


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Wild Flowers

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Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to features of the flowers.

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Drawing Exercises

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Insects

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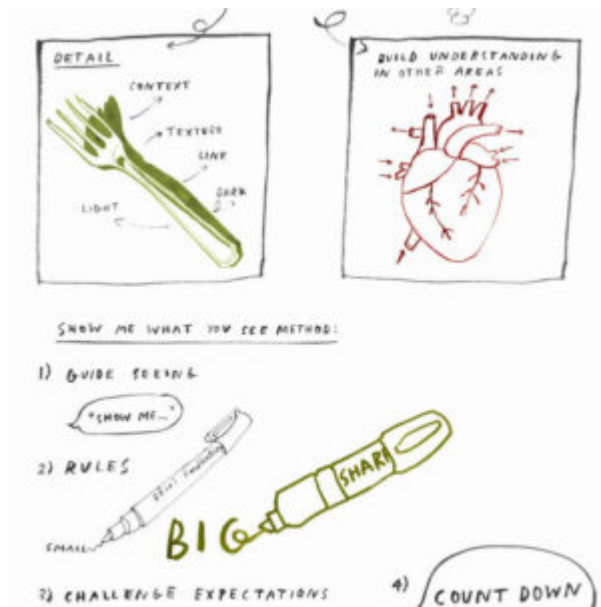


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Navigate around the building to explore.

- Draw from different angles and perspectives
- Invite children to make drawings of different timed length: 10 minutes, 5 minutes, 2 minutes.
- Try various challenges:
 - Make a drawing in one continuous line.
 - Make a drawing using only straight lines.

Make a drawing using different line weights.

- **Make a drawing using charcoal, pen, ink and nib etc**

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exploration of drawing architecture and urban landscapes. You can also try to find drone footage of your own environment, or that of areas relating to projects you are covering in school.

Pause the footage at points which catch your eye and invite the children to make timed drawings – 15 minutes, 10 minutes, 5 minutes, 2 minutes or 1 minute.

Vary the drawing materials you use and work in sketchbooks or sheets of paper of different sizes and textures. You may also like to make multiple line drawings over one page – each with a different colour or line weight, to describe different pause points in the same film to capture a moving landscape.

Bergen, Norway

London

La Sagrada Familia, Barcelona

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The Natural World

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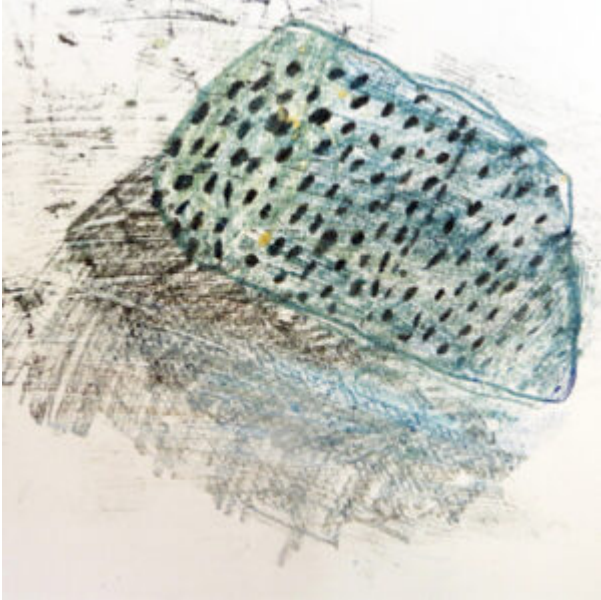
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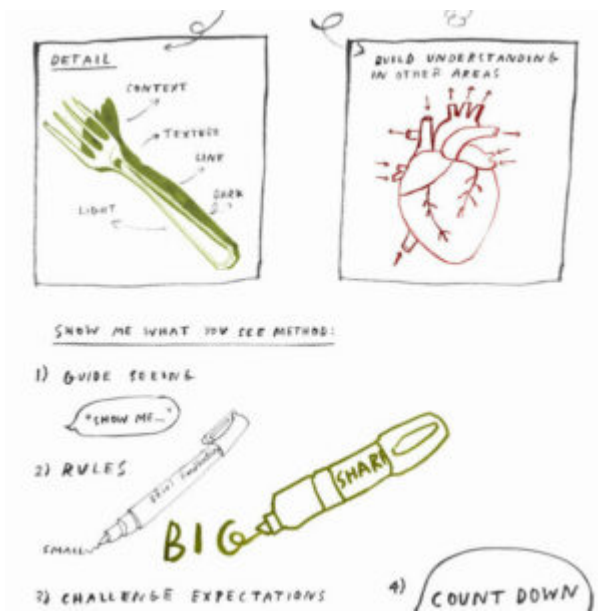


Pathway: Making Animated Drawings



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Birds

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Pathway: Making Birds

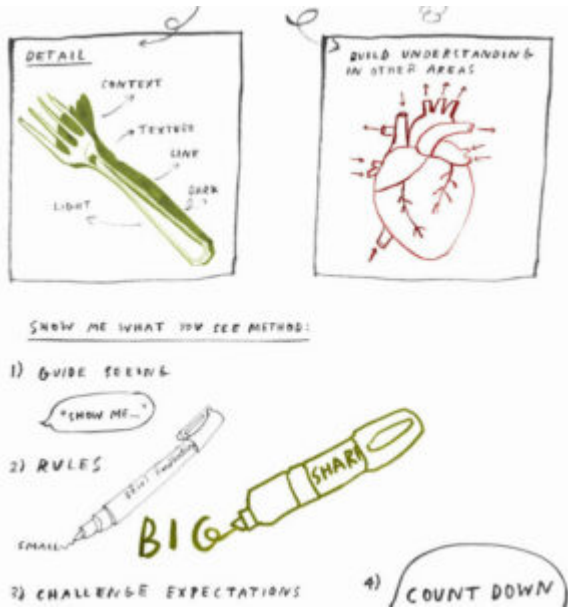


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Nests

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Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to qualities of the nest.

Try the same exercise using different materials, ie handwriting pen, ink and nib, pastel, watercolour...



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Dixie National Forest, Utah

Howqua Hills, Australia

Reading, UK

The Netherlands

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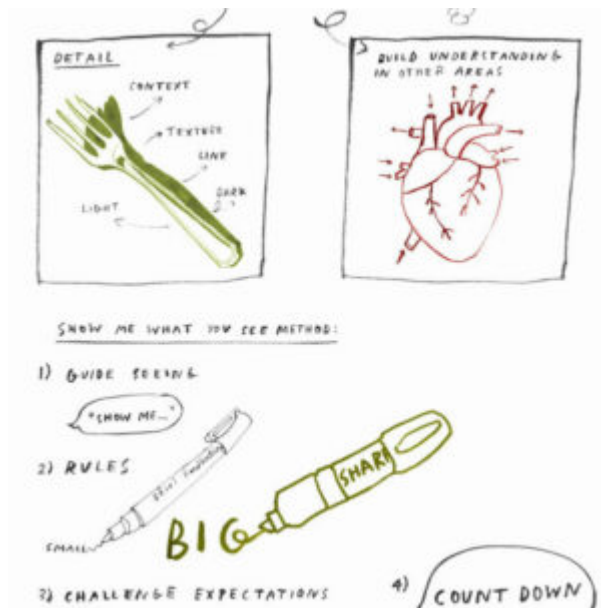


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Drawing Source Material: Coal Mines

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'In the 19th century the coal mines of Great Britain provided the primary source of energy for the industrial revolution. Coal powered the steam locomotives, ships, steam engines in mills etc. It also generated heat and light in the form of coal gas and later electricity. Coal processed into coke made blast furnace production of iron and other metals possible. Coal did much of the work then that oil and natural gas do now, including as a substitute for the growing chemical industry.' – [Working Class Museum Library](#)

Use the film below to enable children to explore drawing coal-mines. Try to create a sense of momentum – for example you might pause the video 4 times and ask the pupils to make a 1 minute, 2 minute, 3 minute and 4 minute drawing at each pause.

Encourage close and slow looking by talking as they draw – use your voice to attract their attention to qualities of the coal-mine.

Try some different exercises-

Cover the page with charcoal, use an eraser to draw detail and capture lighter tonal areas.

Blur the image by squinting your eyes. Using the side of the charcoal, pick out the different areas of tone and loosely block them out on the paper.

Begin the video at 02.50 to avoid showing images of animal carcasses.

Miner

Click [here](#) to watch a 1950s coal-mining documentary made by the [British Film Institute](#).

Watch the first 20 minutes to understand the processes and roles involved in coal-mining.

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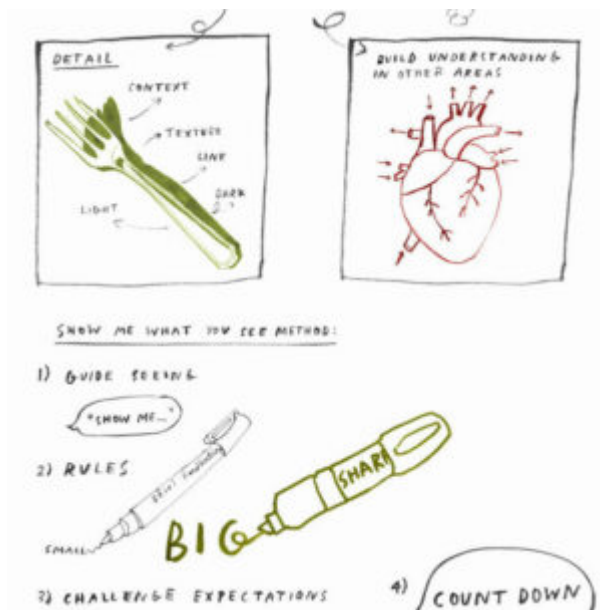
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Ancient Greek Architecture

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Pause the footage at points which catch your eye and invite the children to make timed drawings – 15 minutes, 10 minutes, 5 minutes, 2 minutes or 1 minute.

Vary the drawing materials you use and work in sketchbooks or sheets of paper of different sizes and textures. You may also like to make multiple line drawings over one page – each with a different colour or line weight, to describe different pause points in the same film.

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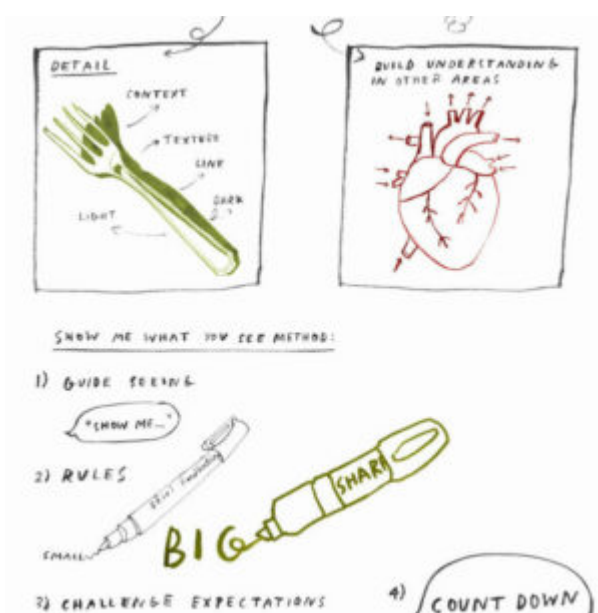
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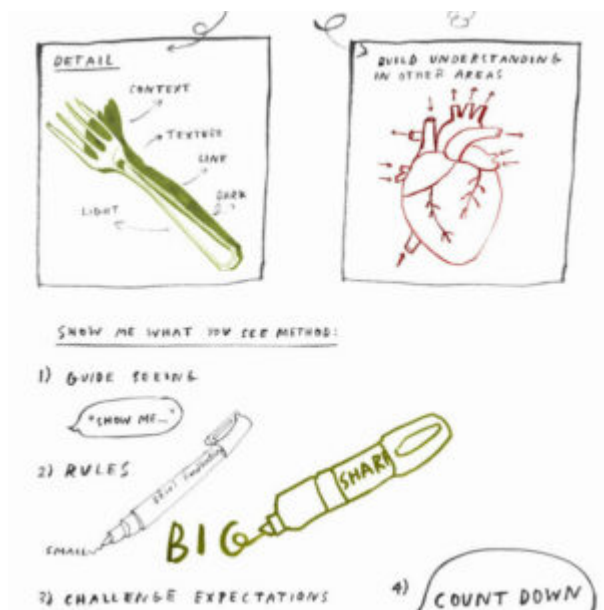
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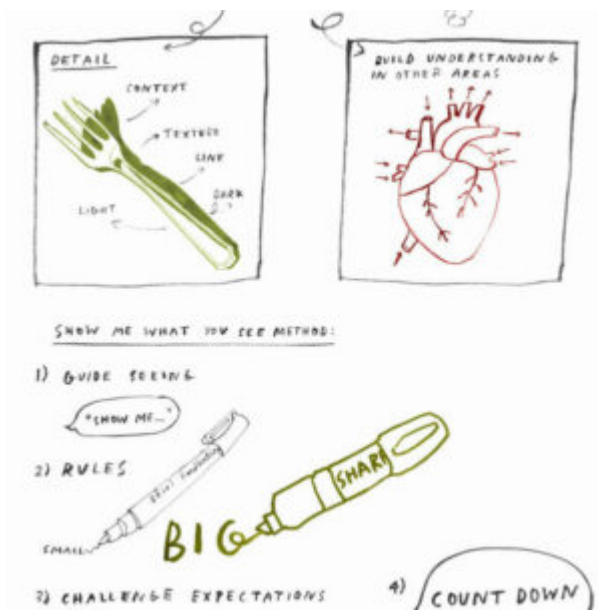
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