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WHAT’S SO GREAT ABOUT THE ELEMENTS OF ART?

The seven Elements of Art help you think and talk in more detail about your art.

By considering the Line, Shape, Form, Space, Color, Value and Texture in your work, you are able to analyze each category so you can understand them better. They might help you decide why you like, or don’t like, something you are looking at.

After all, if someone says, “I like your drawing because it has so much color and texture in it”, isn’t that a whole lot more helpful than if someone just says, “That’s a nice drawing”?

Here are some simplified definitions of each Element of Art.

**LINE**: One point moving around in space.

**SHAPE**: A shape that looks flat, or two-dimensional.

**FORM**: Something that appears to be three-dimensional.

**SPACE**: When something has a sense of depth.

**COLOR**: Made of three properties: hue, value, and intensity.

**VALUE**: The lightness or darkness of colors.

**TEXTURE**: The way things feel, or look as if they might feel, if touched.