Elements of Art

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Elements of Art

- Colour
- Form
- Line
- Mass
- Shape

- Space
- Texture
- Time & Motion
- Value



Colour

 What your eyes see when light is reflected off a natural or man-made object

Primary

Secondary (mix of 2 primary colours)

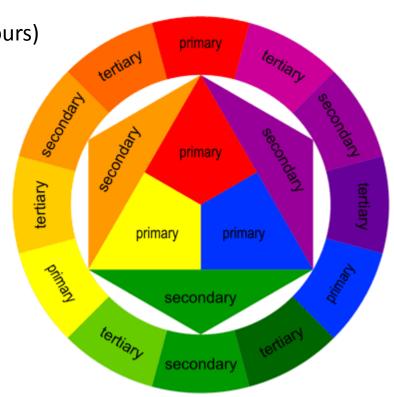
Red

- Orange
- Yellow
- Green

- Blue
- Purple

Tertiary (primary & secondary combo)

- R-O
- R-P
- Y-O
- Y-G
- B-G
- B-P



Form

 An object that can be defined in three-/ dimensions (height, width, depth)







Line

- The ends don't meet
- two-dimensional (pencil & paper)
- 3-D like a wire sculpture
- implied (the edge of a shape

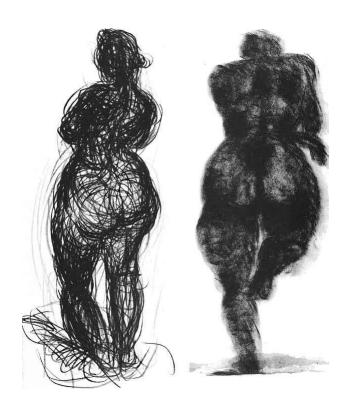


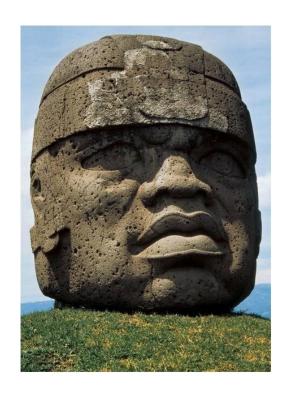




Mass

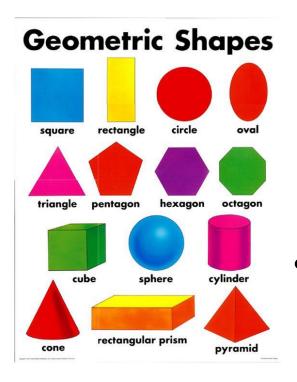
 Volume that has (or gives the illusion of having) weight, density and bulk





Shape

- Defined by lines that connect
- Organic = free-flowing, irregular





Geometric = regular: ie triangle, circle, ect

Space

The distance between identifiable points or

planes

Illusion of depth

Perspective

Overlapping

Size

Position



Texture

- Surface quality
- Tactile Texture (touch)
- Visual Texture (see)
- Examples:
 - Smooth
 - Rough



Cadeau



Man Ray (1890 - 1976) was an American visual artist who spent most of his career in France. He was a significant contributor to the Dada and Surrealist movements, although his ties to each were informal. The original Cadeau was made for Man Ray's first Paris show in 1921. On the day of the opening, the artist passed a hardware store and bought a flat iron that he had seen in the window, along with a box of tacks and some glue. The iron, with the tacks fixed in a neat line along the smooth base, became a last-minute addition to the show. Cadeau was stolen almost as soon as the exhibition opened, but Man Ray calmly made another one

Time & Motion

- Communicating a passage of time
 - Telling a story
 - Series of events
- Motion
 - Implied (blur lines, etc.)
 - Kinetic (moves)









Value

- Lightness and darkness of an area
 - Smooth pencil shading
 - Stippling (dots)
 - Hatching (lines)

