LESSON 26

Warm-up

I love sending art in the mail. Art letters are so much fun Today let's send a letter to the White House urging the President to declare a National Drawing Day. This will be a day where everybody gets to draw for 12 hours. Send your drawings and letters to:

Mr. & Mrs. President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave Washington, DC 20500 NOW SHOWING

Key Drawing Word: Advanced Contour

CONTOUR LINES: To make contour lines work at their maxium effectiveness you may have to draw lines that are only slightly visable. This is why artists learn to look very closely at their subject. Every detail must be observed. If you draw lines that are barely visible you will find that they add a great deal of depth and dimension to your drawings. Look closely at the knuckles on your hand and observe that most wrinkles start as very thin lines, get thicker as they move across the finger, and return again to thin lines. These transitional lines will add a great deal of depth and dimension. Remember that contour lines show transition as they flow around and across your subject. Look for transitional lines everywhere and exaggerate them as you draw the subject.

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Create your own key word symbol for contour:





