

Drawing with Pen & Ink - Syllabus

Week One

Overview of the class format, how to share work, and office hours.

Introduction to the materials, a demonstration of basic techniques and class exercises practicing the basic techniques to become familiar with the pens, nib sizes, and techniques.

*Students should have their pens and paper ready to use

Homework: select at least two different simple subjects from your home and draw each using the techniques learned in class

Week Two

Learning how to create basic geologic landscape features such as mountains, hills, rock formations and cliffs, and boulders, etc. Students will practice drawing landscape features using the basic techniques from Week One.

*Students will need pencil, pens, eraser, sharpener, and paper, plus, bring several photos of landscapes that include geologic features to use as reference.

Homework: Draw basic landscape features from life. Find a location such as an open space park, scenic pull out, public gardens, etc. to practice drawing from life

Week Three

Learning how to draw trees, foliage, grasses, and flowers. Students will practice drawing different types of trees, foliage, and grasses using the basic pen techniques.

*Students will need pencil, pens, eraser, sharpener, and paper, plus, bring several photos of scenes that include a variety of plants and trees to use as reference.

Homework: Draw different types of plant life from life. Find a location such as an open space park, scenic pull out, public gardens, etc. to practice drawing from life

Week Four

Learning how to draw water such as the ocean, lakes, rivers and streams. Students will practice drawing different types of features of bodies of water such as waves, ripples, calm, falls, etc.

*Students will need pencil, pens, eraser, sharpener, brushes, gouache, two small plastic cups, and white and paper, plus, bring several photos of scenes that include different bodies of water to use as reference.

Homework: Draw different features of water from life. Find a location such as the beach, a park with a stream or lake or pond, a fountain, an open space park, public gardens, etc. to practice drawing from life

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Week Five

Learning the basics of drawing features found in an urban setting. Students will practice drawing different urban features such as buildings, stonework, streets, vehicles, outdoor cafés, etc.

*Students will need pencil, pens, eraser, sharpener, brushes, gouache, ink, three small plastic cups, and white paper, plus, bring several photos of scenes that include different urban scenes to use as reference

Homework: Find street scene location(s) such as a charming house or building, a bridge, street café, etc. to practice drawing from life

Week Six

Pulling it All Together - Using a favorite photo reference of their choice, students will create one to two drawings. The first drawing subject is their preference and the second should be a different subject. For example, if the first drawing is a small village scene the second should be a landscape.

*Students will need pens and paper and are encouraged to use ink washes and white gouache in their drawings.