

Team Building Shape Drawing

Exercise goals:

- 1) Students will see in new ways they are unaccustomed to.
- 2) Students will learn to work within a group to complete a common goal project.
- 3) Students will feel more attached to class while experiencing success.
- 4) Basic art concepts will be reinforced.

Prep and Material:

- 1) Large sheets of paper (30"X40")
- 2) Pencils/Erasers
- 3) M.C.Escher Tessellation print.

Teams of four are chosen. I choose team leaders by which people work best together in class. People with trouble focusing are appointed team leaders to help them with focusing and self-esteem.

Students start by drawing from the corner of the paper towards the middle. After the drawing has taken up most of 25 minutes, students are asked to stop and look at the empty spaces between their individual drawings. As a team they then look at the shapes and draw creatures or birds or whatever the shape reminds them of. The exercise gets them to feel connected with the others in their group for collective problem solving while retaining individual ownership of their original idea.

Vocabulary:

- 1) Line/ Linear
- 2) Shape
- 3) Composition
- 4) Team
- 5) Share
- 6) Positive/negative space
- 7) Tessellations
- 8) Contrast
- 9) Value
- 10) Mesh