

Line



Learning Objective

- To develop an understanding of line and how it is used within art.

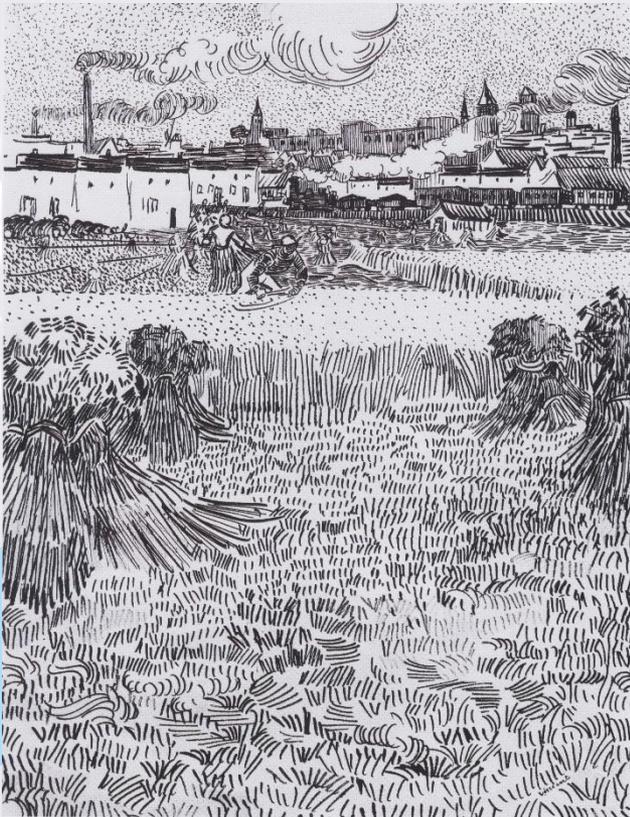
Success Criteria

- To be able to define different types of line.
- To apply this knowledge to experiment with different types of line.
- To identify different types of line in the work of others.

What types of line do you see in this image?



Think about length, width, distance and direction of the lines you see.

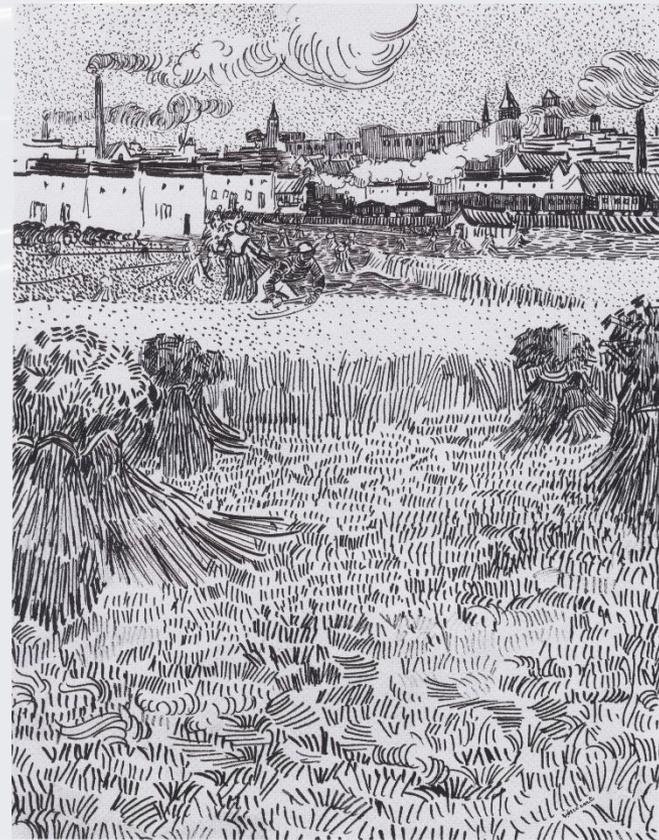


Vincent van Gogh
'View from the Wheatfields'
1888

What types of line do you see in this image?



- Thin
- Thick
- Straight
- Curved
- Long
- Short
- Vertical
- Horizontal
- Diagonal
- Cross hatching
- Dotted lines
- Spirals



What is Line?

A line is a connection between two points.

Line is one of the most important elements of art. Imagine trying to draw, design or paint without using lines!

- A line can vary in width, length and direction.
- Lines can also be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, straight, curved, thick or thin.
- Line is used to sketch, draw and outline, they help you develop the composition of your artwork.



Expressive Line

Line can be used to show expression or feeling. A short, thick, straight line conveys a different feeling or emotion to one that is long, thin and swirly.

Line can also demonstrate movement within a piece of artwork, showing the flow of a fabric, or the speed of a bird in flight.

Vincent Van Gogh
'The Starry Night'
1889



3-Dimensional Line

Line can give an object the appearance of it being 3-dimensional. Using techniques such as cross hatching, shading and blending, line can make an object appear realistic, as in Herbert Railton's drawing.



Herbert Railton
'Wrought Iron Gates, Gray's Inn'
1895

What are the different types of line?

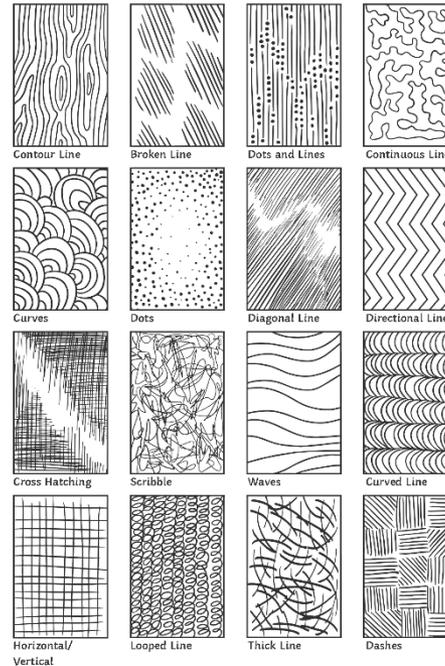


Your first activity is to experiment and test a variety of mark making using pencil.

Key Terms

Horizontal, vertical, diagonal, 3-dimensional, contour lines, continuous, expressive line.

Mark Making



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