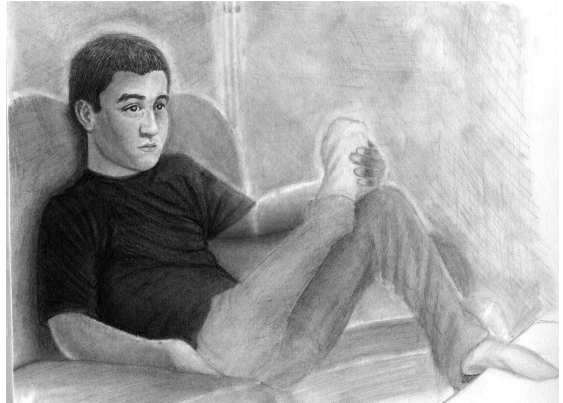


# Figure Drawing Project

## Media used

- Graphite or charcoal
- Erasers, kneaded or other (no pink erasers)
- 12"X18" newsprint paper (at least 2 sheets)
- 12"X18" drawing paper (at least 1 sheet)



## Student must complete:

4 or more stick figure drawings, one of which should be used for the drawing.

4 or more gesture drawings, one of which should be used for the drawing.

1 mannequin or structural study of the figure used for the project.

1 finished drawing of a clothed figure.

*Note: This figure drawing cannot be of anyone famous.*

## Project steps:

1. Fold a sheet of newsprint so that you have 8 equal parts for small sketches (3 folds).
2. Find a person to model at least 4 different poses. From each of the poses draw a stick figure to mark the position of the figure and a gesture drawing to record the energy or flow of a living figure.
3. Carefully observe the negative space shapes created around the figure and select the best pose.
4. Draw a mannequin or structural drawing of the figure to the full size of the newsprint paper from your stick figure/gesture drawing.
5. Check your proportions for accuracy and correct if necessary.
6. Using your mannequin or structural drawing as a foundation, complete a finished drawing on the drawing paper.
7. Check the irradiation effect in your drawing and correct as necessary.
8. Clean up the drawing and apply fixative.

**Tips:**

1. In figure drawing the full human figure is the subject of the drawing so do not give undue attention to the facial features, general shading is often all that is necessary.
2. Begin the drawing lightly gradually building up to more permanent dark values.
3. Gesture drawing is important so do not overlook the lifelike qualities it adds to your finished work. Draw freely at first, from the shoulder and not the wrist.
4. The negative space is a part of all artwork; do not hesitate to use its relative value as an important part of your drawing.

**Turn in:**

- The project with the following written on the back
  - Your name
  - Your period number
  - The project name
  - Media
  - Title
  - Date completed
- Attach all parts of the project
  - The finished project
  - Stick figure drawings and Gesture drawings taped to the project as a cover sheet
  - Mannequin or Structural Drawing stapled to the cover sheet
  - Copy of the photograph if used