

India Ink Nest

Create an India Ink nest painting that demonstrates excellent technique focusing on composition, value and line.



Create an India Ink nest painting that demonstrates excellent exploration of metaphor, story telling or personal expression.

What is a nest?

In your sketchbook, write down the definition that resonates the most with you. Can't pick one? Google "nest" or "what is a nest" and see what pops up!

1a: a bed or receptacle prepared by an animal and especially a bird for its eggs and young

b: a place or specially modified structure serving as an abode of animals and especially of their immature stages

2a: a place of rest, retreat, or lodging : HOME

b: DEN, HANGOUT

4a: a group of similar things

a nest of giant mountains

a nest of rebellion

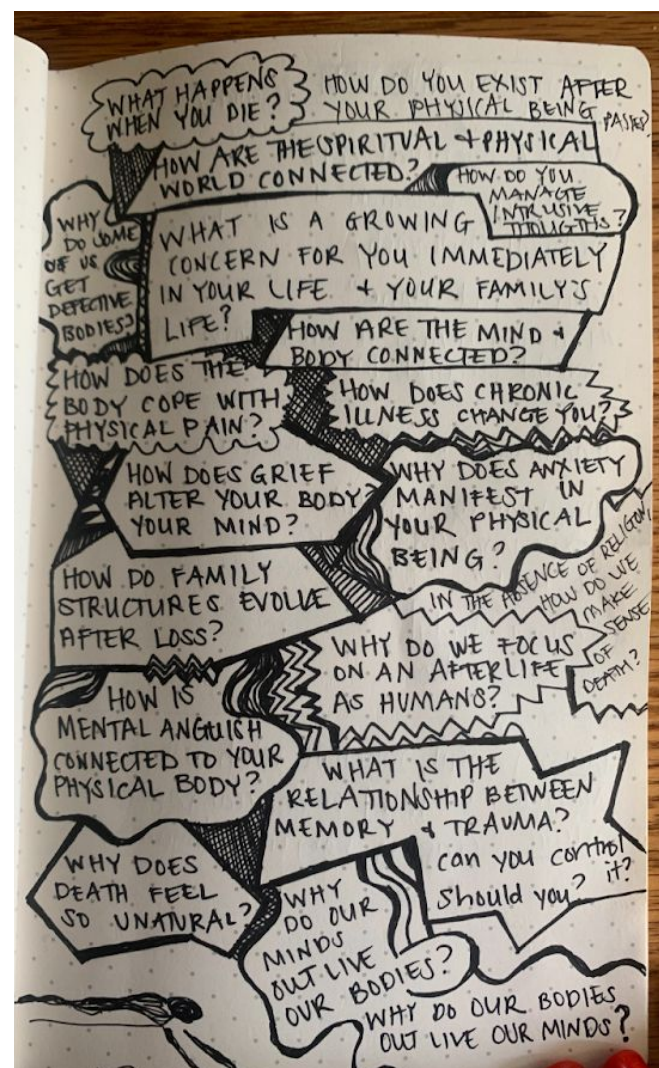
5: a group of objects made to fit close together or one within another

6: an emplaced group of weapons

What is Mind Mapping?

- Visual organization
- Represent your ideas in a visual format
- Helps you see the bigger picture

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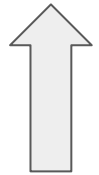


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- Dragon eggs?
- Point of emphasis
- Area of contrast



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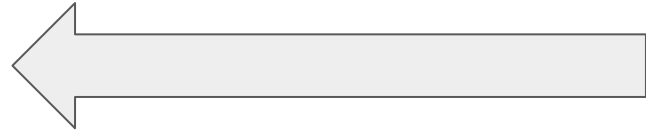
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- Hatching lines
- Round shape
- Central focus



- Safety
- Comfort
- Nostalgia
- Memory

Family

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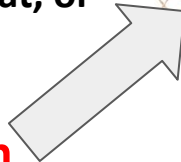
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Metaphor

- a place of rest, retreat, or lodging : HOME
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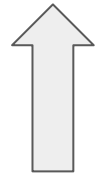


What shocking or unexpected "eggs" could I use?
 What could the nest be made out of that is **anti-nest**?



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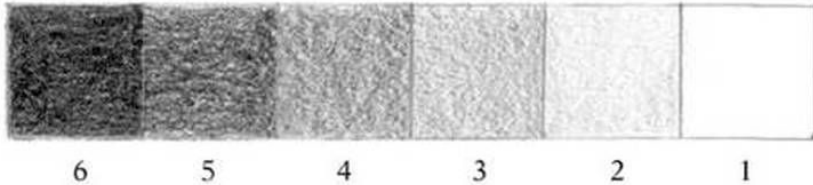
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Sketch 1: In your sketchbook

Sketch One: Direct Observation with pencil

1. Create a five step value scale using a pencil. Avoid smudging with your finger



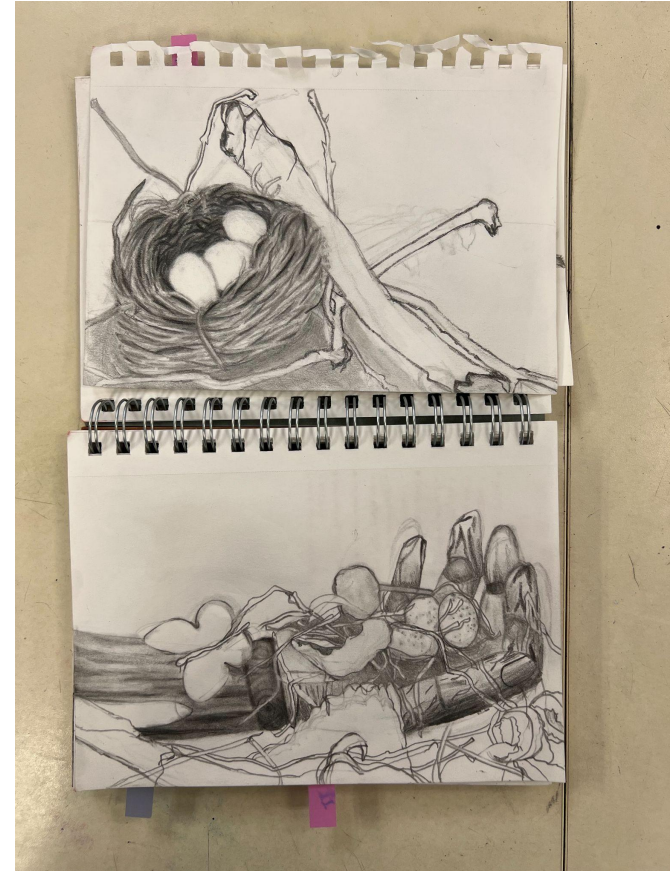
Out of practice shading with a pencil?

Follow this tutorial: <https://youtu.be/qNju05AR3Kc>
(link also posted in Canvas module)

2. Create a pencil sketch of a nest using at least five values of light to dark (yes, white counts!)

Focus:

- Realism
- Shading: five values (areas of light and dark)
- Capturing the nest as it actual is



Sketch 2 (on paper provided)

Sketch Three: India Ink technique

1. Create an India Ink Value scale (on the Bristol paper provided)

Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/0c4auw-qxLc>



2. Create an India Ink nest that demonstrates observational painting and at least five values. Focus on realism and capturing the nest as it actual is.

Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/AD-Lw-8mIDk>



Sketch 3: In your sketchbook

Sketch Two: Nest as a Metaphor or as a Surrealism tactic

Metaphor: a thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else, especially something abstract.

1. Create a sketch of a nest that captures the definition you wrote down in your sketchbook or uses metaphor to communicate a story or personal expression.

OR

2. Create a sketch of a nest that has a surprise or unexpected element in it in some way.

You do NOT have to focus on the nest as it actual is.



Agenda: Partner Critique

Goals: Concept and Technique

- Partner One: Show your partner your sketches, mind mapping and describe your exploration of the question “what is a nest”?
- Partner Two: What is working really well?
- What is one area they could improve?
- Can you find five or more values with their ink technique?
- **Switch!**

