

Copy an Artist Drawing

<https://artsandculture.google.com/explore>

Copying master drawings is something many artists, for centuries, have incorporated into their studies. Why? Because it is an excellent way to closely study and evaluate incredible artwork. And copying allows artists then and now to demonstrate their growing ability to draw and render, or to create an homage honoring a revered artistic master of drawing, painting or both.

Step 1: Choose a master artist drawing. Go to the “Google Arts and Culture” website and click on “explore.” Next pick a category (such as artists, mediums, art movements, etc.) and take a look around. Find a school appropriate art piece that interests you. You start with choosing a Master (famous artist). Choose an artist that you like. Do not use contemporary artists or any drawing off the Internet just because they look cool. Check with me before your final decision. Make sure that the artwork is not too simple and take your time with the drawing.

Complete your sketches first and then show it to me to get the final drawing paper.

Step 2: Next get your paper and start the drawing.

To get the full points make sure that:



You look closely look at the master artwork (drawing) that you picked. You are going to copy that drawing exactly with all the details, values, shading, etc. that they did. Make sure you take your time and be neat.

The goal is to try and make it look as similar to the original art piece as possible. Remember to use a full value scale and range of values in your drawing and include all of the details. Take your time and be neat. You can either copy it from looking at the image or if you want you can use the “grid method” to help with the drawing. It is your choice if you want to use color or black and white.



Dawn of Life, 1952, By Charles Wilbert White



Example of master drawing