

Value

6 categories of light

Objective

This assignment introduces you to how light and shadow can describe a form or space.

Time to complete this assignment:

Plan to spend 5 to 7 hours on this assignment.

- Demonstrate ability to create a value scale
- Exhibit skill in depicting and identifying the 6 categories of light
- Demonstrate the ability to utilize continuous tone to describe forms and planes

Materials

Must be hand drawn; suggested materials include (choose one of the following):

- Graphite pencils (such as ebony or woodless pencil)
- white drawing paper (such as white sulphite paper or Strathmore drawing pad)
- Charcoal (vine charcoal, charcoal pencils)

Also, blending stumps, erasers, chamois or soft tissue.

Assignment

- Watch: Video: 6 Categories of Light opens in new window
This video is an introduction to value and how to create a value scale.
- Watch: Value-Egg drawing demo opens in new window to explore f opens in new window worms defined by light.
 1. Complete a value scale with 10 values that range incrementally from white to black. You may use charcoal or graphite. See the demo video above.
 2. Draw an egg that has been placed on a white sheet of paper. Try to have a single light source, if possible. Values should transition slowly---no outlines! You may need to darken the negative space to define edges. See the demo video above. Take a reference photo of your egg from the same vantage point. Take a photo of your drawing in daylight---this is very important and label the 6 categories of light. See the Sample submission.
 3. Draw one of the following:
 - a simple paper lunch bag or grocery bag. Ignore any writing on it.
 - Value-Paper bag demo planes defined by light
 - a single sheet of white paper, either crumpled or folded (origami, perhaps?)

Try to place a single light source on your object. Take a reference photo, and take a photo of your finished drawing in daylight. Again, this is very important!

Value-crumpled paper opens in new window demo defining the planes

- **Submit** value scale, reference photo and finished egg, and crumpled paper/paper bag drawings to submission link in Brightspace. Be sure to take your photos in daylight.