

Go Outside and Draw a Landscape!

For this week's enrichment lesson, I would like to direct your attention to the subject of **landscapes**. I thought that since we have completed our Grade Improvement Modules, I would present a new focus!

Landscape Drawing is a very popular subject or genre of drawing and painting. In fact, some artists actually specialize in Landscape Art which is referred to as **Plein Air**.

As the weather is turning warmer and the desert flowers are blooming, our landscapes are ablaze with new life and color! And, with the current slower-pace of life (due to the closures of many of our entertainment venues), it is the perfect time to get outside and make some art - whether you decide to draw the plants in your yard, or walk down to the river, or even up on the mountain, you will not need to go far to find dynamic subject matter. You can even take some photos with your camera if you like and then come home and draw from your references. Or, you can just sit in the quiet of the outdoors and draw on-site. Most importantly, take time to soak in the solitude while observing nature, and practicing setting up your landscape drawing.

NOTE: landscape drawings will be successful if you include foreground, middle ground and back ground - with overlapping. You also need to remember to use placement, proportion, perspective, and perhaps even a bit of atmospheric perspective. Try using "plumming" techniques to measure the size and distance of the landscape in your drawing, and remember that the Rule of Thirds can help you to compose your picture into an interesting scene that allows your eye to travel throughout the picture plane.

Here are some links to instruct you:

<https://mymodernmet.com/landscape-drawing/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oh9EeP5RjtM>

<https://www.artistsnetwork.com/art-subjects/plein-air/plein-air-art/>

<https://www.arttutor.com/blog/201909/6-tips-sketching-en-plein-air>

<https://drawpaintacademy.com/7-plein-air-painting-tips/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omRC3CBe3_w

<https://www.sarahburnsstudio.com/life-of-a-wandering-artist-blog/2017/1/9/009-benefits-of-plein-air-paintingdrawing>

https://www.google.com/search?q=How+to+draw+a+landscape&rlz=1C1AFAA_enUS465US502&oq=How+to+draw+a+landscape&aqs=chrome..69i57.4536j0j8&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8#kpvallbx=_m8C5XpSCC8v0swWGkl3wBg100

Landscape Drawing photo from the **My Modern Met** Article- [Follow these 4 Easy Steps to Sketch Any Landscape You See.](#)

