

8 Box Principles of ART

*Draw your name in different styles and size of block letters. Letters may go off of the page. Fill the entire sheet. When finished fold paper into 8 boxes.

- 1) **Balance:** Using the pencil and eraser, add lines or erase existing lines to alter the shapes in Box 1 so they exhibit formal balance. Fill in some shapes with pencil.
- 2) **Variety:** Use markers to paint the shapes in Box 2 with a variety of hues.
- 3) **Harmony:** Color the shapes in Box 3 using no more than three hues. Repeat one of these hues a few times to add harmony.
- 4) **Emphasis:** Identify the most interesting shape in Box 4. Using crayon in a bright hue, color this shape to give it emphasis. Color the other shapes with dull colors.
- 5) **Rhythm:** Using pencil and eraser, rearrange the shapes in Box 5 to create a sense of rhythm. With pencil, fill in some of the shapes with different values.
- 6) **Proportion:** Increase the proportion of one of the shapes in Box 6 by making it larger than the other shapes. Color all the shapes with colored pencils. Color the large shape with a hue that emphasizes its importance.
- 7) **Movement:** Using pencil and eraser, rearrange the shapes in Box 7 to create a sense of movement in any direction. Color the shapes with crayon/colored pencil. Gradually change the value of hues from dark to light to add to the feeling of movement.
- 8) **Pattern:** Use pencil and your imagination to create interesting patterns on each shape in Box 8. Create different patterns by repeating lines or smaller shapes within each of the larger shapes. You can also alternate dark and light shapes to make your patterns more interesting.