

Gesture drawing

Objective:

I can draw an action drawing.

Supplies

*regular piece of paper. 8 ½ x 11
*pencil

Effort

Gesture drawing is fast drawing that captures action and direction.
You should get the form down quickly with in the first 15 seconds.
If you have extra time, put in mass.
Don't put in details

Drawing Exercise

Procedure

1. Get a model or subject. Usually gesture drawing is done with live models that move. (We will have pictures on the ITV to practice.)
2. **Focus! Set the line of Movement!** With a few quick lines (not stick figures) get the line and direction of the figure.
3. **Draw Lightly! No Erasing!** Use one continuous line and concentrate on the subject. You should be looking at the subject and glancing at your paper only to check the placement of your pencil.
4. **Draw Quickly!** Hold your pencil loosely, keep your lines fluid and keep your hand moving.
5. **Constant Movement!** Add form and mass. With circles or figure eight motions, add thickness to your gesture lines.
6. **Set a time limit!** After 15 to 30 seconds have the model switch positions and try again.
7. This exercise can be extended to two minutes per pose.

