

Torn Paper Collage

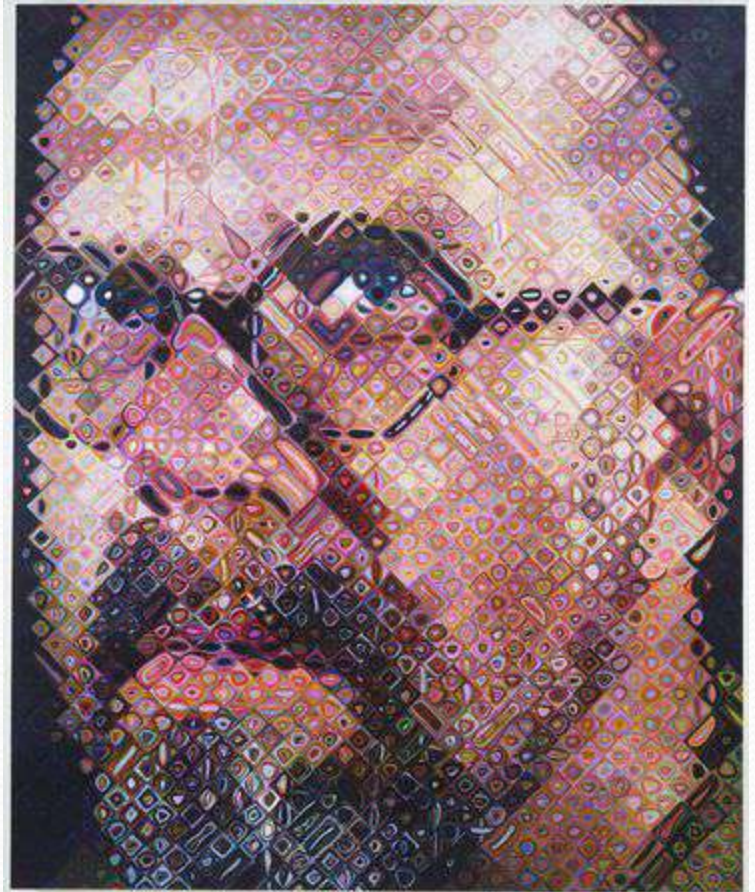
SELF PORTRAITS PROJECT

Drawing 1 & 2

Self Portrait: What is it?

- When an artist creates a drawing, painting, sculpture or photograph using their own image as the subject.

Chuck Close, self portrait 1997



Collage: What is it?

- French for “to glue”
- Tearing, cutting, assembling items to create a new image.

Pablo Picasso, Spanish
1912



Our Project: Using Values to create a Self Portrait



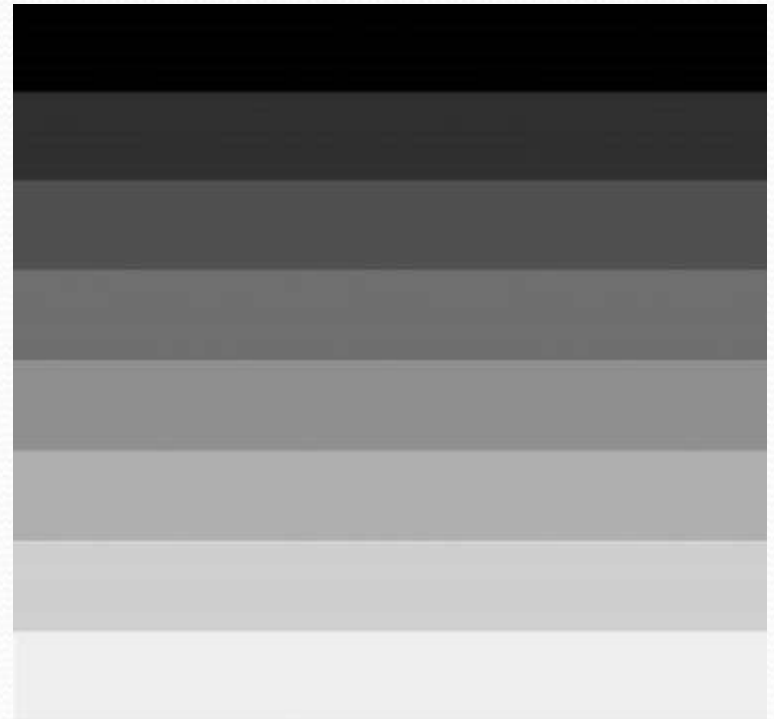
Review: Elements of Art

- Line
- Shape
- Space
- Form
- Texture
- Color
- Value

Value is the lightness and darkness of a color

Values show light & dark areas

- Here is a student example of a portrait done with values



GRAY SCALE

Step 1: Painting Values on Paper

- D/P 1: Paint 6 pieces of 9"x12" paper using 6 values using black & white acrylic paint
- D/P2: Paint 5 pieces of 18"x24" paper using 5 values using black & white & one other color (optional)
- Squeeze a small amount of white acrylic paint into cup and paint the first piece of paper WHITE (value #1)
- Next, squeeze ONE drop of BLACK paint into the cup to make a LIGHT GRAY (value #2)

Step #1 Continued...

- Add two drops of BLACK paint to the light gray to create value #3 LIGHT MEDIUM GRAY
- Add another drop of BLACK paint to the gray to make a MEDIUM GRAY, value #4
- Value #5 is DARK GRAY and is made from black with one or two drops of white paint
- The last value, #6 is BLACK
- You should have 6 pieces of paper painted with each VALUE

Remember...

- Acrylic paint is a plastic (polymer) paint and STAINS
- Acrylic turns to plastic so it should not be washed down the sink –scoop out extra and throw it into the trash can
- Paint brushes must be cleaned thoroughly with soap and water. Scrub brushes into your palm to clean them
- Acrylic dries quickly & will be darker



Step 2: Photograph

You will need a 5"x7" B/W photo of yourself

Gridding the photo:

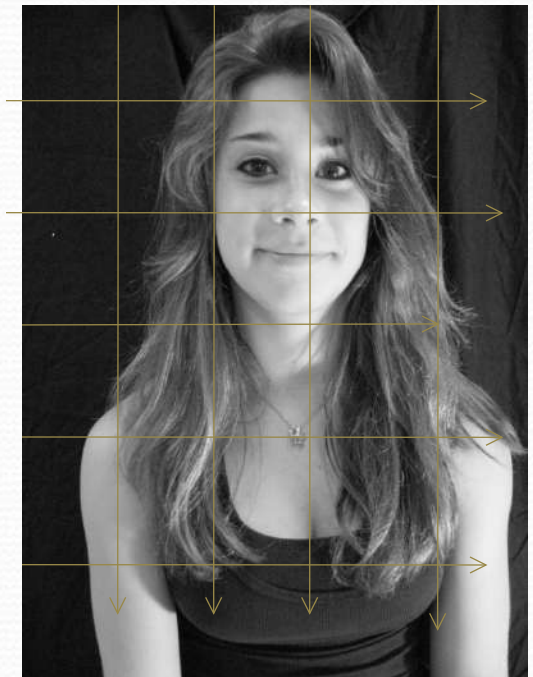
- 1) Using a ruler make sure that the photograph is 5" x 6" (cut a half inch off each side)
- 2) Using a ruler draw dots every inch on each side
- 3) When finished connect the dots so that the photo has one inch grid across the photo
- 4) On a piece of white art paper 10"x 12" use a ruler to create a 2 inch grid
- 5) Around the edge of the paper every 2 inches make a dot
- 6) Connect the dots so that there is a grid across the white paper

1 inch intervals



5 INCHES

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Creating the Self Portrait

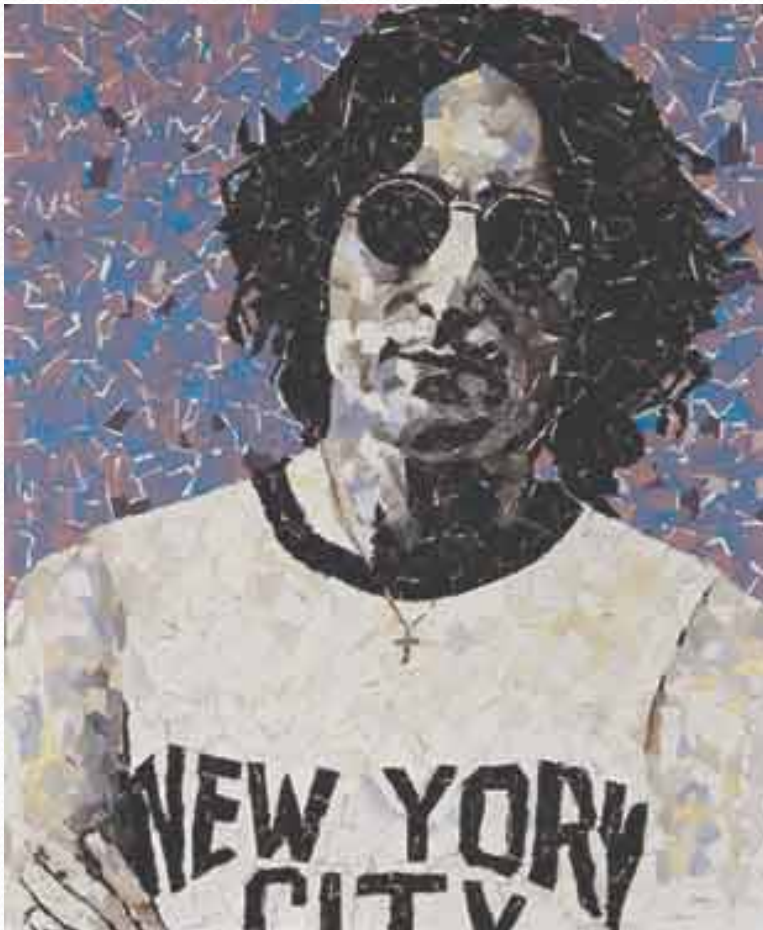
- Use the grid to accurately draw the shape and features of your face onto the gridded white paper
- Look for and draw the values (lights and darks of your face) as SHAPES

Tear the paper to make the collage

- Look at your photo (squint to see values!)
- Match the values in the photo with the painted paper values
- Tear pieces (no scissors!) of the paper and begin arranging them on the paper
- Pieces will be glued down
- Torn edges will be visible
- Gel medium will be used to coat the finished work



Some examples of collage portraits



Review...

- What does “collage” mean?
- What is a “self portrait”?
- How many pages/values should DP 1 paint?
- DP2: What do we call a scheme with black & white and one color?
- Gridding: How many inches apart should the grid be on the photo? On the white paper?
- What do we put on top of the finished collage?
- What is a good technique for “seeing” values?

Get Started!!

- Begin gridding your photo and your paper today!
- Tomorrow we'll tear the paper and arrange the pieces