Value Portrait

Step 1: Photograph the student's face. Use Adobe Photoshop to edit the photo. 8" x 10" Grayscale image. Image >adjustments > Posterize.

 Step 2: Print out the image to be traced.

Step 3: Staple the print to a 9" x 11" sheet of good drawing paper. **Staple your pint in two places at the top of the image.** You will be checking your work often as you trace. You will need to look under your drawing many times to make sure you traced all the shapes.
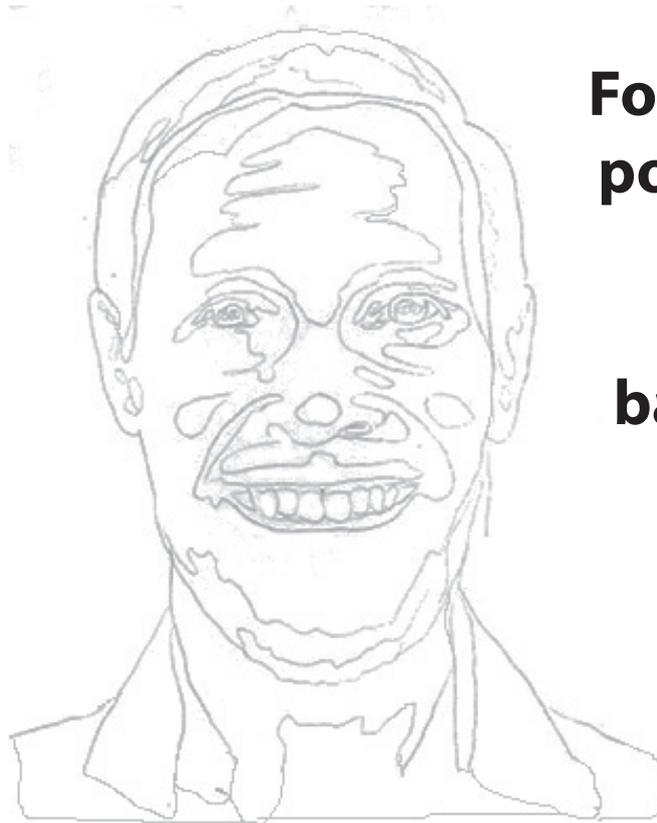
Your print must go back down exactly where it came from.

STAPLE   STAPLE

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Step 4: Place your graphite tracing paper
- DARK SIDE FACE DOWN - between your print and the drawing paper.

Step 5: Use a dull pencil or a ball point pen to begin tracing all the shapes of your face.

Remember that a shape is a closed area of space. There should be no lines that don't finish to close the shape.
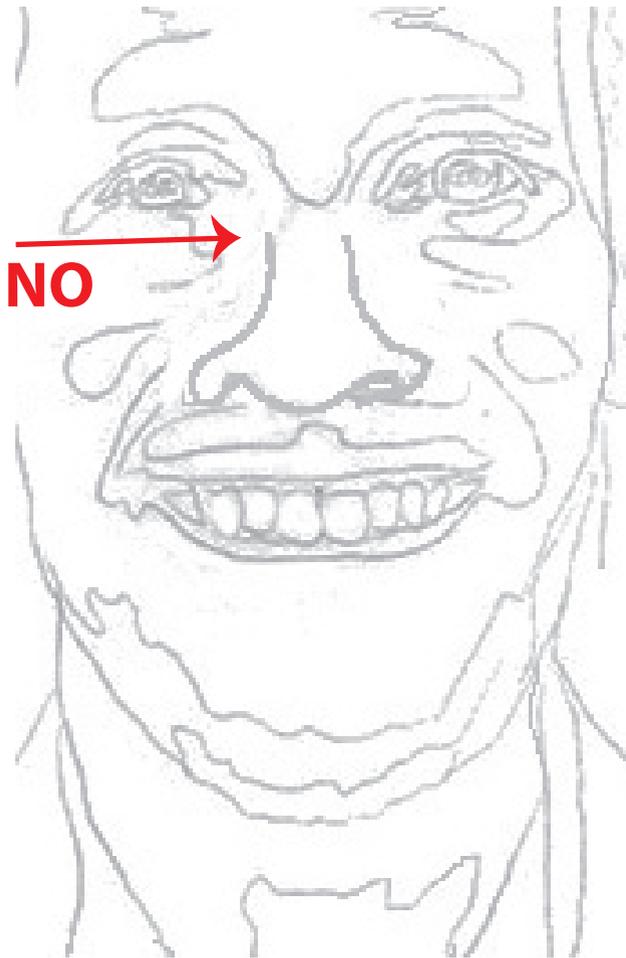
Focus on the portrait only Do Not trace the background

Warning
Do not scribble over the graphite paper to add value. A full range of value will be added later using the art pencils 6b, 2b, 2hb and smudging.

Common Errors

NO

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Do not draw lines up the side of the nose.

1. There should be no lines that do not finish to close the shape.

2. This looks like a cartoon nose and does not look real.

Everything should be a closed shape!!

Do not draw what your brain thinks your features look like. This childhood way of representing features needs to be unlearned to create realistic drawings.

EVERYTHING IS A SHAPE.

ONLY TRACE AROUND THE SHAPES THAT YOU SEE.

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Step 6: After you have traced all your shapes remover the staple and take your pages apart. Warning check your drawing several times to make sure you have got all your shapes. You may also want the teacher to check.

Step 7: Use your print as a map to help you fill in all your shapes with the correct values. Use the 6b, 2b, 2HB and smudging to fill in all your shapes.

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Step 8: Use an eraser to clean up any smudges or extra marks that you do not want.

Make sure your name is on you project.

Note : Graphite paper is able to be used for many, many tracings.

Do not throw the graphite paper away after the first use. Thanks