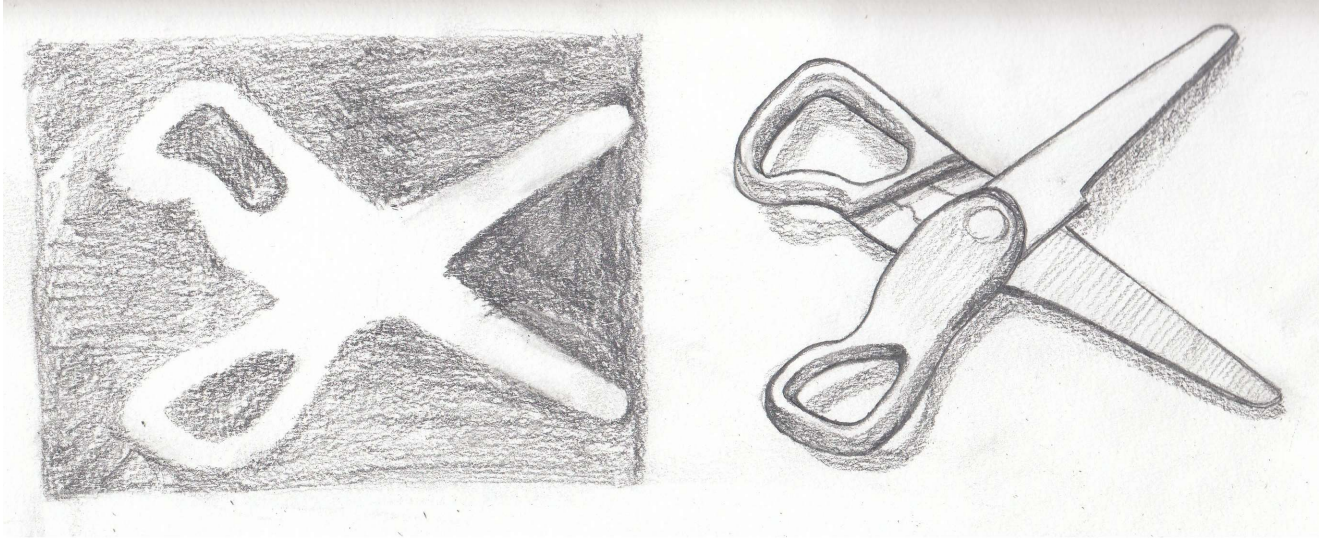


Art Activity #3

Negative Spaces



Examining an object with a focus on the negative space instead of positive space will force your eyes to see the truth instead of symbols.

Activity: Students will shade in the space surrounding an object. Do not draw an outline of the object! Just shade in the space that is around the object until the object is visible as a white space in the middle of a shaded page. Then they may do a normal positive drawing.

Detailed steps to negative space:

Step 1: Choose an object to observe.

Step 2: Look at the object and shade in the area as you see it on your page. It may help to not look at your page as much as you look at the object.

Step 3: First focus on the main bulk of the object. Then the spaces within the object such as slats in a chair.

Step 4: Upon completing your negative image you may immediately attempt to draw a positive image of the same object.