

EXPANDING ways to write about the **ELEMENT OF ART**

Useful words to describe **LINE**:

Angular, blurred, broken, bold, confident, controlled, contoured, cross hatched, curved, crisp delicate, descriptive, dragged, edged, engraved, etched, faint, fine flowing, freehand, granular, graceful, gentle, gestural, graceful, heavy, harsh, hesitant, horizontal, implied, incised, loose, meandering, organic, outlined, ragged, rules, sensitive, sharp, sketched, smudged, soft, subtle, streaked, tentative, thick, thin, vertical, wide, ziz-zag

Useful words to analyze **SHAPE** or **FORM**:

Abstract, amorphous, biomorphic, circular, closed, concave, convex, distorted, enclosed, erotic, flat, free-form, geometric, geomorphic, heavy, light, massive, monumental, modelled, modulated, nebulous, open, organic, planar, palpable, realistic, rendered, sensual, solid, vague, volumetric

Useful words to describe **SPACE** and depth:

Ambiguous, aerial perspective, atmospheric perspective, background, deep, depth of field, diminishing, distance, expanse, faceted planes, focus, foreground, flat, illusionary, isometric, perspective, linear perspective, middleground, negative, open, overlapping, positive, receding, shallow, vast

Useful words to describe **VALUE** light and tone:

Atmospheric, back lit, blinding, bright, contrasting, crisp, dark, darkness, deep, floodlit, glaring, graduated, gradual, half-light, harmonizing, harsh, highlights, illuminated, light, medium, mid tone, monochrome, obscurity, ominous, reflected, rendered, romantic, sharp, shade, shadow, soft, spot-lit, suffused, tint, void.

Useful words to describe **COLOR**:

Analogous, brash, bright, brilliant, bleached, calm, clear, complementary, contrasting, cool, dull, exciting, garish, glowing, glazed, harmonious, hue, iridescent, fades, fluorescent, monochromatic, muted, neutral, pale, pastel, polychrome, primary, pure, opaque, secondary, subdued, tertiary, tine, translucent, triadic, warm

Useful words to describe **TEXTURE**:

Actual, abrasive, bumpy, brittle, cold, course, corrugated, dense, delicate, dry, ephemeral, feathery, flat, furry, fragile, gooey, glossy, granular, hairy, layered, leathery, oily, open, pimply, pitted, plastic, prickly, refined, repulsive, rough, sandy, scaly, sharp, shiny, slick, smooth, soft, sticky, tacky, touchy-feely, translucent, tactile, velvety, waxy, wet