AWM 3M



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**On the Outside, Looking Down**

**Your Challenge:**

*This project is based upon a specific fresco painting completed in the Renaissance Era, see the image beside. This painting was created by Andrea Mantegna and features puttis (baby angels) and women looking down in a dome. This is a complete optical illusion created by Mantegna. You will create a similar illusion using yourself as the subject matter in a large-scale graphite drawing. Another artist to look at for inspiration is Julian Beever, the sidewalk chalk artist. He creates depth in the opposite direction.*

**Andrea Mantegna. *Roundel with Putti and Ladies Looking Down.* Detail of ceiling. 1465-74. Fresco. Palazzo Ducale, Camera degli Sposi (Bridal Chamber), Mantua, Italy.**

**Process:**

1. Look at the image above. How has the artist implied extreme depth?

**Foreshortening:** Define in your sketchbook

1. Practice the following skills:

* **Toning with graphite to create a full range of values,**
* **Drawing what you see not what you think you know,**
* **Examine human anatomy.**

1. Drawing Concept: You will create a drawing (graphite) that shows yourself on top of something high, looking down. Think of yourself on top of a sheet of glass looking down into a room.
2. Using 18” by 24” newprint, get up on the table and make some contact with the paper. Think about the entire space of your paper and how you will structure your composition. Place your hand(s), arm(s), face, leg, knee, etc on the paper. Trace this contact. Then using a mirror, draw the rest of your portrait using foreshortening.
3. Transfer your rough drawing to good paper.
4. Tone your composition using a full range of value from black to white.

**Evaluation:**

Composition, Toning, Foreshortening, Use of Classtime and Attention to Detail

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Grade 11

Drawing & Painting

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Graphite drawings that explore extreme foreshortening. Major inspirations were Renaissance fresco painters and the sidewalk chalk artist, Julian Beever.

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