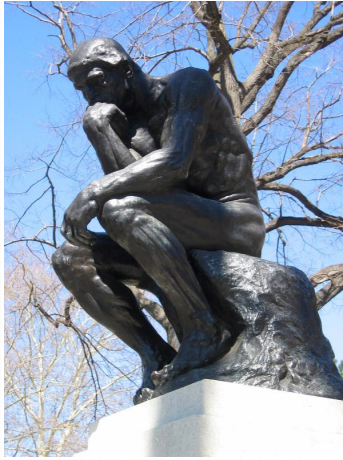


## Form

Has height, width, & depth.  
It is a 3-dimensional object.



## Positive Shape Negative Shape

Refers to the figure

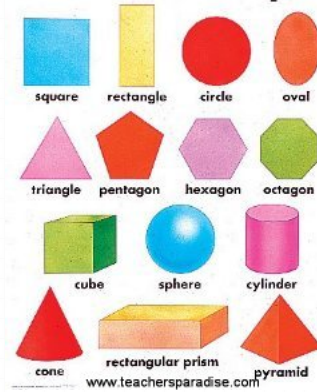
Refers to the background



## Geometric Shapes

Found in things made by people, such as buildings, bridges, factories and office machines. They are regular and edges and surface are straight or perfectly curved.

### Geometric Shapes



## Organic Shapes

Found throughout nature: earth, water, clouds, plants, animals & people. They tend to be irregular and the edges and surfaces are never perfect.



*Les bêtes de la mer...*  
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## Closed Shapes/Forms

Solid & heavy. Nothing can penetrate them.



## Open Shapes/Forms

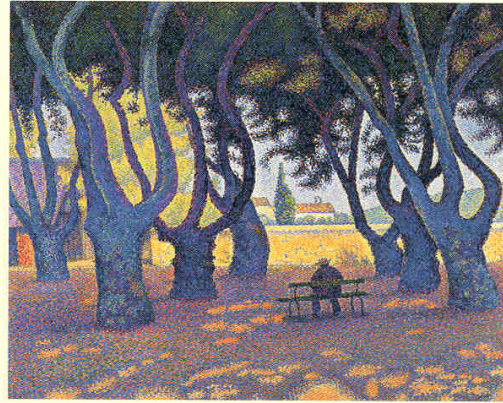
Allow space to penetrate. You can move through them.





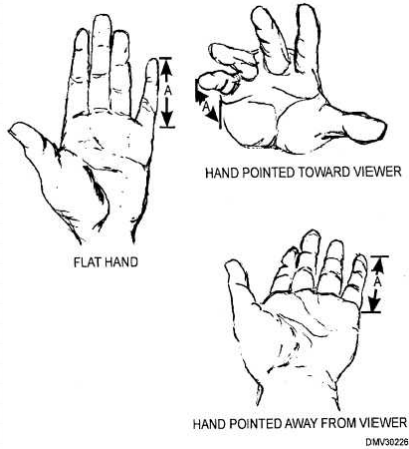
## Figure vs. Ground

The figure stands out and is on top. The ground appears to be underneath and surrounding a figure.



## Foreshortening

Making a 3-dimensional object in a picture appear to be seen at an angle by shortening one or two of its dimensions.



# Foreground vs. Background

What is meant to stand out and what is there for support.



## Shapes

They are more than just lines.