

# Teaching the Art Element Line

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### Materials:

- 8 different colors of tempera paint (bright colors work well)
- large paint brushes (some thick and some thin )
- large pieces of white art paper (don't use construction paper)
- put their names on the back of the papers
- newspapers to cover the desks

Prepare by placing the desks in 8 groups. Cover the desks with newspaper, which makes cleanup easier. Place one container of paint on each desk with several brushes.

Teach the lesson: Explain to the students that they will be learning the art element LINE. They will move from station to station when you say move, or you could set a timer for a couple of minutes depending on how quickly the kids complete each line.

Demonstrate each line, one at a time, as you tell them which kind of line to make. Then have the students pick up a brush and paint a line on their paper. Tell the students that it is IMPORTANT to only make one line each time. After painting one line put the brush back in the container.

1. Start with a diagonal line. Tell them to draw ONE DIAGONAL LINE starting at one corner of their paper and extending to the opposite corner. (some kids will have a thick line and some will have a thin one.)

Have the students move to the next station in a more or less clockwise direction taking their paper with them.

2. Next have the students draw a HORIZONTAL LINE.
3. Move to the next station. Draw a CURVED LINE.
4. Move to the next station. Draw a ZIGZAG LINE or WAVY LINE.
5. Move to the next station. Draw a SPIRAL LINE.
6. Move to the next station. Draw a DOTTED LINE.
7. Move to the next station. Draw a VERTICAL LINE.
8. Move to the next station. Draw STRAIGHT LINE. Make it thick or thin.

They will end up with a wonderful paper of colorful lines. After the papers dry display them all together. This is a great activity to teach line. All students will be successful.