

Draw Like an Egyptian

Introduction

Read the article Ancient Egyptians.

Ancient Egyptians had strongly defined ideas regarding how they would draw humans in their art:

“The people in ancient Egyptian paintings can look strange to us because they are shown very differently from modern styles. The head is drawn in profile (turned to the side), but the eye is shown in full. The legs turn the same way as the head, but the **torso** is seen from the front. The artists wanted to show the whole of a person’s body, not just part of it from a single angle. Scholars think the ancient Egyptians believed that by depicting the whole body, they would preserve it for eternity.”

Directions:

Create your own stylized Egyptian art piece. Make a drawing or painting that demonstrates a scene from your daily life. Then take turns explaining your art to the group, and tell what it shows.