

Landscape Notes

What is a Landscape? The visible features of an area of land.

What is a Natural landscape? a landscape that is unaffected by human activity.

What is a Cultural landscape? Places or artifacts currently maintained by people (directly or indirectly).

What is a Cityscape? urban equivalent of a landscape

What is a Seascape? work of art which depicts the sea

What is a Skyscape? depicts representations of the sky. Often include clouds or land, but these things can also be excluded or kept to a minimum.

There are three sections in a landscape.

-Foreground: Part of the picture plane that appears closest to you

-Middle ground: Area in between foreground and background

-Background: Part that appears the farthest away

Define the 5 ways you can show depth in your landscape

Winding Path: A path or river that winds through the landscape from foreground to background can make us believe that the picture describes a deep space.

Changes in size: A tree that is close to us appears much larger than a tree of the same size that is far away.

Overlapping: A boulder that is close to us overlaps and partially hides a much larger cliff behind it.

Atmospheric Perspective: A distant mountain range appears more hazy and less distinct than a mountain that is closer.

Diagonal Composition: Land that moves away from us on the diagonal appears to move back into space.