

The Elements of Art Through Seascape Paintings  
Learn to Sketch your own Masterpiece  
Pre-Video Activity



The Channel Islands Maritime Museum is filled with art treasures from all over the world and through many centuries.

We have **ship models**,  
which are *3 dimensional* art,



and **seascape paintings**,  
which are *2 dimensional* art.

Some of our paintings are called **masterpieces** because they are painted by **masters** who were so good at their art and spend much time on each painting.

In this video we will share some of our favorite paintings with you and show you some **artist techniques** that make 2 dimensional paintings come to life and appear 3 dimensional. You'll see how artists use special tricks when they are designing their paintings that help us to feel like we are right there in the water inside the painting!

Then you will draw your own seascape art, with an artist and you will be on your way to creating **your own masterpiece!**

# ELEMENTS OF ART

## Important Words To Know Before You Start

Read the questions below and write your answers in the boxes.

**Subject** - This is what the painting is all about, like the main idea of a paragraph. At the museum, the subject is usually a boat or a ship (which is bigger than a boat). If you were making a drawing, what would your subject be?

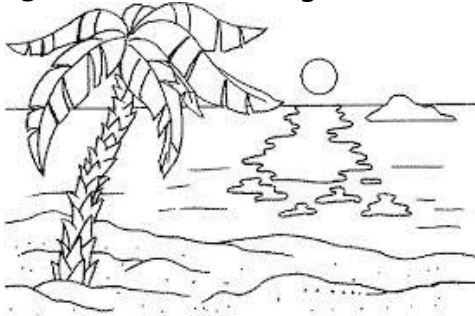
**Foreground - middle-ground - background** These words are parts of the painting that you will learn about at the museum. You have probably heard the word background before. What does it mean?

**Shape** - Artists see shapes when they look at the world. They use many different shapes when they draw or paint. What shapes do you see around you? What shapes do you think an artist would use a lot when drawing a sail boat?

**Lines** - You will see that artists make different kinds of lines when they draw or paint - straight lines, curvy lines, diagonal lines. Can you draw some of these types of lines in this box?

**Perspective** - Artists play tricks with our eyes in a painting or drawing to help us feel like we are inside the painting and to help us feel that some things are far away. You will find out more when you get to the museum. Think about this: When something is far away from you, does it look bigger or smaller?

**Horizon line** - Have you ever heard this word? The horizon is the imaginary line that separates the water from the sky in a picture. Can you find the horizon line in this seascape picture? Trace the horizon line. Now color the **water a deep blue** and the **sky a light blue**. Don't forget to color in the sun!



**BEFORE YOU BEGIN:** Please make sure that you have printed out:

- Elements of Art and "Shaming the Gulls" drawing
- Blank Frame page for your own drawing (or a blank drawing page)
- Calm or Stormy Seas (optional)

## POST VIDEO ACTIVITY

Can you find these Elements of Art in this drawing?

1. Foreground
  2. Middle-ground
  3. Background
  4. Subject: Which boat is the subject? *Color in the hull (bottom) and the flag*
  5. Horizon line separates water and sky *Trace it in blue*
  6. Perspective: Does the smaller boat look further away? *Color the hull and flag.*
  7. Shapes What shape are the sails? *Trace the shape and color them in.*
  8. Did the artist use Curvy lines to show the waves? *Trace over them in blue*
  9. Can you find Straight lines?
- GOOD JOB! Now be sure to include all of these elements in YOUR OWN MASTERPIECE!

