
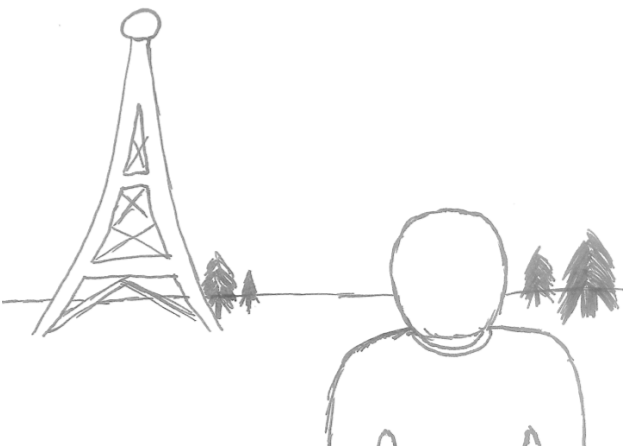
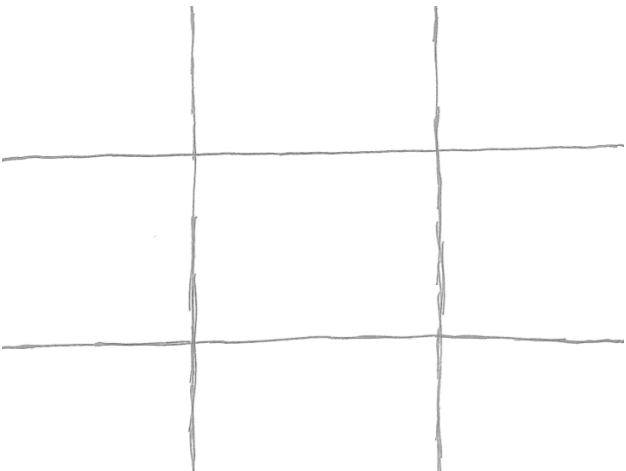
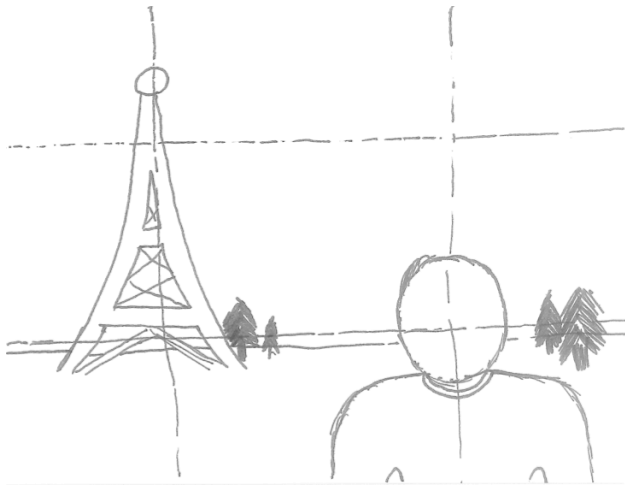


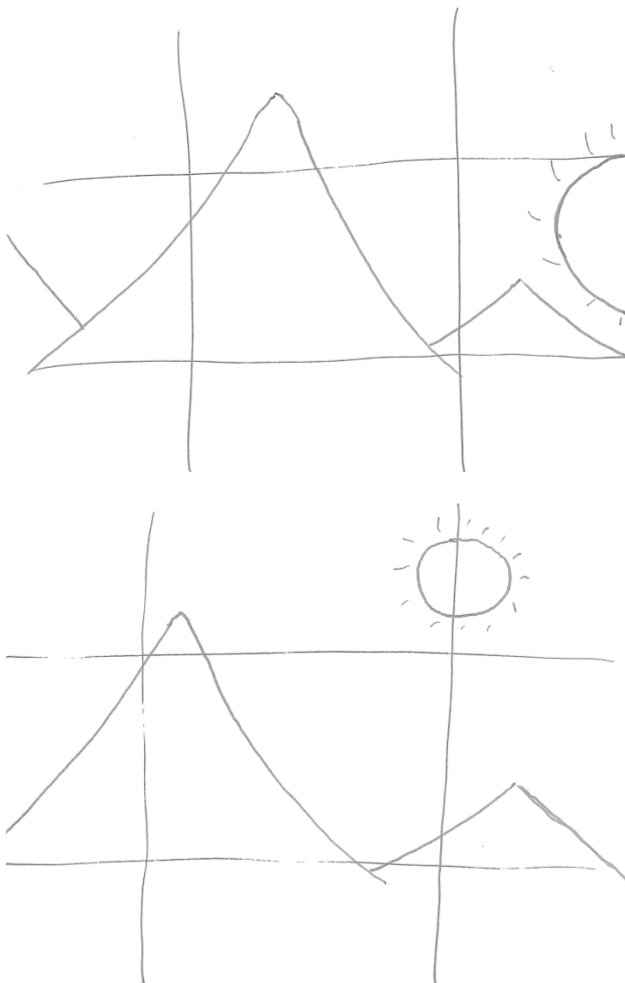
The Rule of Thirds

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	<p>Is this how you want to remember your vacation?</p>
	<p>Or is this? This photo was taken using a time-tested guideline called 'the rule of thirds'. It's a handy trick to keep in mind when you're composing photos. Well, that's great but ... what is it really?</p>
	<p>This grid is what it's all about. These four lines divide the picture into nine equal rectangles, but we're more interested in where the lines are, and where they cross.</p>



Often, photographers will use the lines or their intersections as guides to where the focus or the subject of the image will be. Placing objects or action at the points or along the lines helps to give a sense of space, direction, or perspective in many situations. Let's take a look at some of the same scenes and objects, first without using the rule, and then applying the rule.



As you'll notice in each of these photos, using the rule of thirds to organize your shot leads to a better-looking photo. Often, photos taken with the rule in mind suggest balance, motion or distance. Remember that this rule is more of a suggestion, and is a great tool to add to your collection.

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