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Games, Nature, & Experiments

Shark Drawing

Estimated Time: 10 – 15 minutes

Age range: All grades

What you need: paper, pencil/colored pencils/crayons/markers

Background Information:

Today we are going to be drawing sharks! See the last page of this document for more information on the shark seen in our example.

Follow the instructions on the next page to get started.

New Words

Countershading is a characteristic where parts of the animal that are exposed to shadow are lighter, and parts of the animal that are exposed to light are darker.

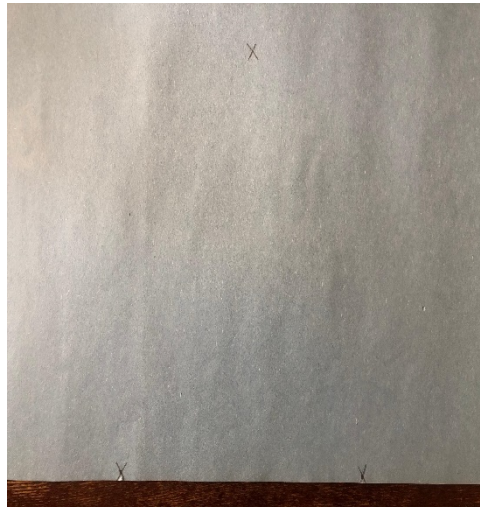


Shark Drawing Activity

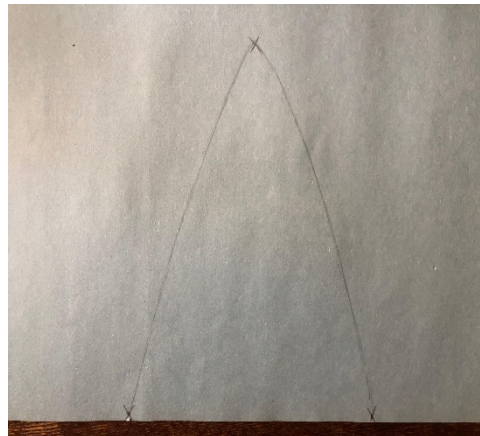
Follow each step on the pictures provided below. After you have completed the drawing, color the shark however you want! It could be a rainbow shark, a purple shark, or a tie-dye shark. The possibilities are endless! This is a good way to relax and get creative.

Instructions:

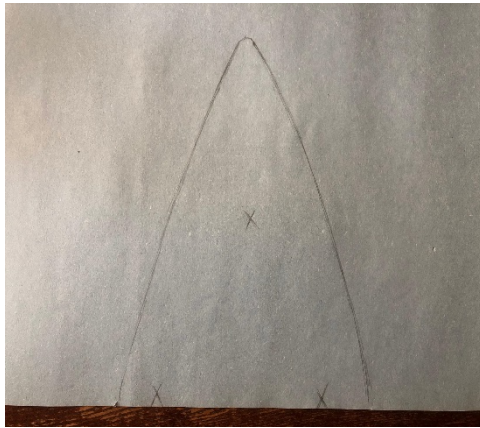
Step 1: Draw 3 dots in the shape of a triangle. Mark an X through each dot.



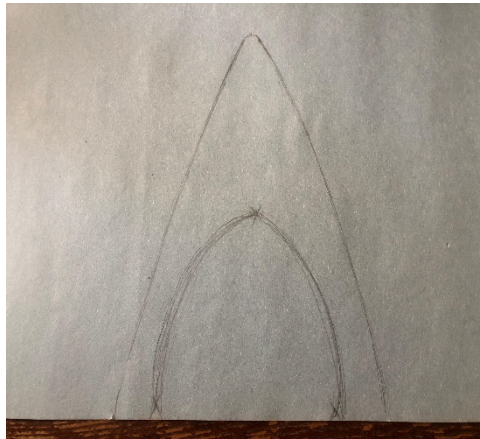
Step 2: Connect the points with curved lines. Once everything is connected, erase the X's.



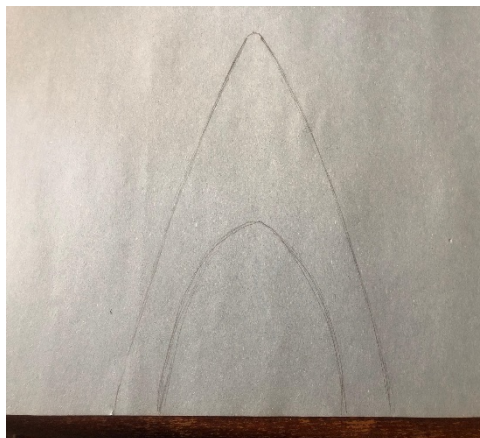
Step 3: Start to form the mouth by making another smaller triangle with dots and X's inside of the lines you just made.



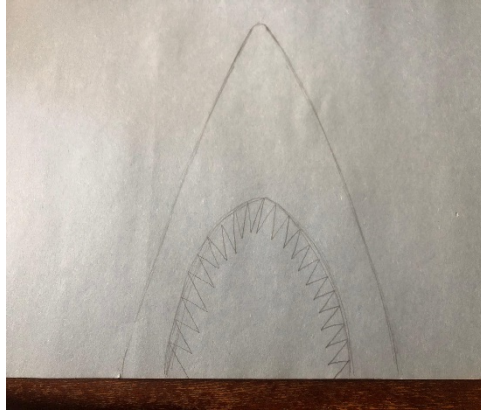
Step 4: Connect the points with curved lines. Don't forget to erase those X's!



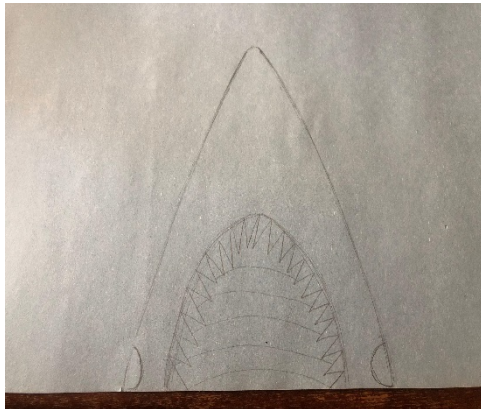
At this point your drawing should resemble something like this...



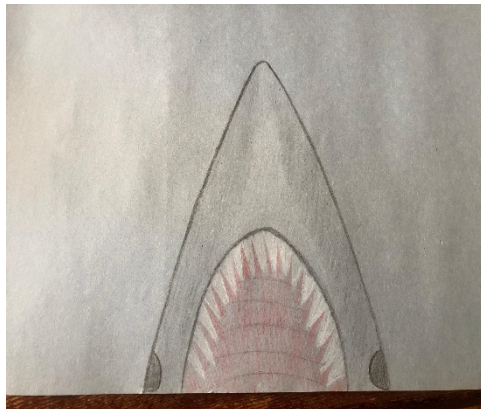
Step 5: Start drawing teeth inside of the mouth! Get creative and look up different kinds of shark teeth. They come in all kinds of different shapes and sizes. For example, you could draw Tiger shark teeth.



Step 6: Draw the eyes on each side of the head.



Final Product: This is a Great White Shark! You do not have to copy this color pattern. The shark can be whatever color and pattern you want. It could even be a Cheetah pattern shark. You can also add anything to the background, like other fish or waves.





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Great White Shark Facts

- Great White Sharks are found in oceans all around the world. There are large concentrations off of the coasts of both South Africa and California.
- They utilize their grey and white bodies for hunting. An adaptation called **countershading** allows the shark to blend in with the dark bottom, keeping them out of sight from their prey.
- Great Whites in South Africa have been documented jumping out of the water in pursuit of seals.
- Despite their reputation, Great White Sharks are important creatures in the oceans food chains.

If you want to track tagged Great Whites, head over to this website <https://www.ocearch.org/tracker/?list>

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