Blind-Contour Line Drawing of a Scales of Justice

Original tasks 1, 2 / independent work

Task 1

Draw a blind contour of a simple scales figure with a straight column, one horizontal beam, two straight chains, and two open semicircular pans. Start at the top of the column and work down one side, across the beam, down one chain, around one pan, back up, and repeat. Do not look at the paper. After three minutes, uncover and compare.

Task 2

Draw a blind contour of a scales figure where the chains are drawn as small loops. Simplify each chain to a single wavy line. Start at the beam center, trace to one end, follow the wavy chain to the pan, trace the pan rim, and return. Repeat for the other side. Do not look at the paper. After four minutes, uncover and note your simplification.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / independent work

Task 3

Draw a blind contour of a scales figure with a base foot under the column. Start at the base, trace up one side of the column, across the beam, down one chain, around the pan, back up, across the beam, down the other chain, around the other pan, and back to the base. Do not look at the paper. After five minutes, uncover and compare.

Task 4

Draw a blind contour of a scales figure but allow yourself to lift the pen at each chain junction. Note each lift. Start at the top of the column, trace down, across the beam, down one chain, around the pan, back up, and repeat. Do not look at the paper. After three minutes, uncover and explain each lift.