A line begins as a dot and creates a path. Lines can change the message of your work. They are a powerful art tool!

## TYPES OF LINES:

There are five basic types of lines:


These lines show fast movement


These lines have 'movement'


These lines show slower movement

REMEMBER: Lines can also have different:

- SIZES(long, short, wide, narrow
- DIRECTION (up, down, diagonal, zigzag, spiral)
- MOOD (gentle, harsh, delicate, calm, excited)
- MOVEMENTS (fast, slow, calm)

A harsh, fast-moving line


A tense dramatic line


A relaxed, slow-moving line


A relaxed, graceful line


A calm line

## How LINE is used in art:

* Create texture: Repeated lines can be used to create a rough surface
* Show value: (shading) Lines close together create a dark area; lines spaced apart creates a light area (hatching and cross-hatching)
* For decorations or patterns in designs
* Create lettering
* Create contours (outlines) or an object
* To show gestures and movement


## PRACTICING LINES...

Choose two words (actions) from the following list:

| swimming | burning | praying | rocking |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| flowing | jumping | marching | running |
| dancing | crawling | laughing | growing |
| wagging | writing | flying |  |

ILLUSTRATE (Draw) the words you have chosen by using different lines only to create a picture representing the word. Do not draw objects. Be prepared to share your ideas:
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## LINE ASSIGNMENT \#1

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name: $\qquad$
Date: $\qquad$

1. Draw a railroad track with lines to show depth/distance as it travels away into the distance.
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2. Create a pattern showing each of the following lines. Use different line styles to make your pattern interesting.

3. Write your signature (first name) showing the following moods:

