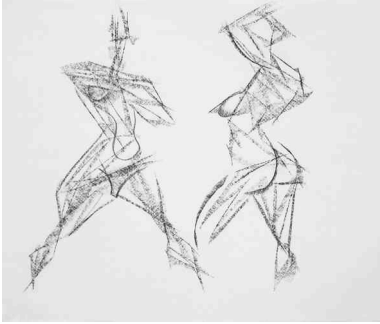


FIGURE—line--gesture

Use this hand-out in supplement to your on-line examples to help understand structure and proportion.

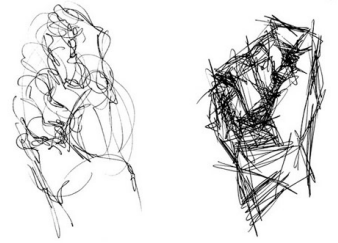
Gesture is a word used in drawing that can indicate two different things:

1. **gesture** refers to movement or action of the object being drawn. Some objects might be more static, like a cup or bottle but they also have a shape or perspective that might indicate a subtle action.



2. **A gesture drawing** is one in which you capture the action of the object being drawn.

It is a quick, all-encompassing statement of forms. In gesture the hand duplicates the movement of the eyes, quickly defining the subject's general characteristics---movement, weight, shape, tension, scale, and proportion.



When drawing the human body, both aspects of gesture are essential to capture.

There are many ways to capture the action of the pose. But to show action, you must have an active line.

