

1st Day Homework

1. Go home and find a ceramic object that you use and enjoy – your favorite cup, cereal bowl, dish, pot with a lid, teapot, etc. (Not a toilet or other bathroom fixture, and not a sink.)
2. Draw an outline of it, as accurately as you can (feel free to lay it on your paper and trace around it). Then imagine cutting it in half from top to bottom, setting the cut edge on your paper so it exactly fits in the outline you drew, and tracing around the inside, so that you can see how thick the walls of the piece are and what the inside shape/volume looks like. This type of drawing, that shows what parts of an object touch a plane that cuts through it at some point, is called a cross-sectional view, or simply cross-section.



sketch/outline

cross section view

3. Measure your ceramic object and write the dimensions next to your drawing – height x width x depth. Make sure to indicate units (inches or centimeters).
4. If the piece has an interesting design on it, sketch it also to give an idea of what it looks like.
5. Describe three physical characteristics that you like about the piece. Physical characteristics are those things that you can see, touch, hear, taste and smell – they are concrete and tangible. Be specific: your words should paint a mental picture of the characteristic you are talking about.

Examples of physical characteristics

- A raised net pattern
- A glossy texture like an orange peel
- An hourglass form
- A color like an old penny

Examples of things that ARE NOT physical characteristics

- It's cool, it's radical, it's pleasing, it's funny
- It came from Arizona
- It was made by my grandfather
- I got it cheap