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What are the expressive qualities of line?

vertical lines

go up and down, they're static. short → tall

horizontal lines

make us feel as though we're on solid ground

curved lines

express activity; can change direction; depending on the curve the expression changes; they're hypnotic

diagonal lines

can add tension or create excitement; are either falling or rising. Express instability or activity. Make you uncomfortable

zig zag lines

create confusion; extremely active, evoke feelings of excitement and nervousness. The direction effects the intensity. example: lightning

contour
line
drawing

define the edges of a surface. They create a boundary. Drawn slow and steady without lifting pencil.

gesture
drawing

an expressive movement;
quick and messy

calligraphy

means beautiful handwriting,
conveys ideas, objects, sounds
thin & thick lines

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