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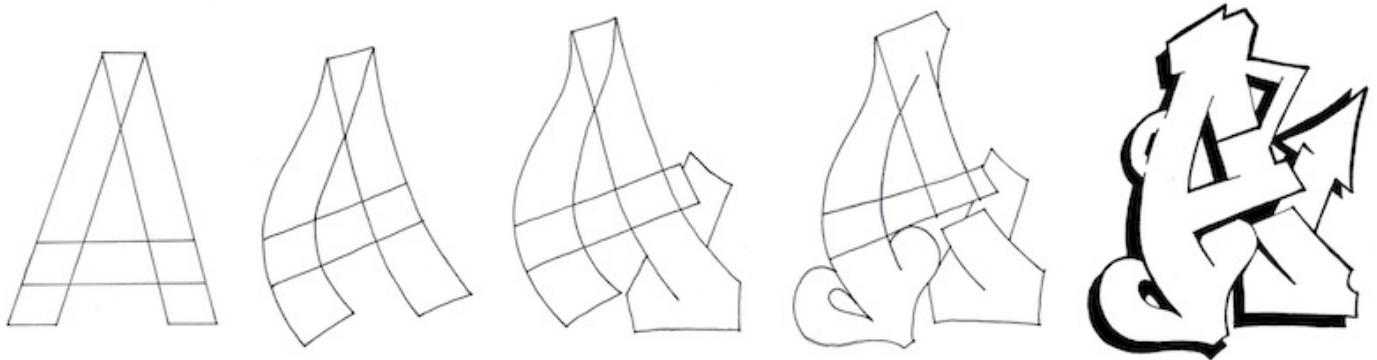
Skill Sheet – **Graffiti your Name**

Skill Description: The foundation of graffiti is typography. Typography is the basic art of lettering. Even the font you're reading right now was originally drawn and designed by someone. Graffiti writers have a good understanding of typography and often go on to successful careers in graphic design and other creative fields. The reason graffiti appeals to the human eye is because the letters have energy and movement that resemble life and are exciting to look at.

Materials needed: Pencil, sharpie, other drawing and coloring materials as needed

Directions: Draw your name on the back of this page in graffiti-style. Remember when drawing, your letters have to give the impression of movement and life. Imagine them first as simple block letters, then bend and curve them, adding extra bits for flourish and flair!

Here is an example of how a simple letter can evolve to have more movement:



If you look at the second image in from the left you can see how just by giving the vertical bars of the letter a natural looking curve it instantly gives it a bit more energy and personality.

There is a difference between graffiti and vandalism. Vandalism is illegal! Keep your graffiti legal by doing your artwork on paper, not on walls or tables (or any other inappropriate place).