


Element of art

# Value






Value is one of the seven elements of art . Value deals with the lightness or darkness of a color.

Since we see objects and understand objects because of how dark or light they are, value is incredible important to art.



Value deals directly to light. Our mind processes the light and rationalizes what we are seeing. Value is the key to the illusion of light. In order to draw or paint in a way that creates an illusion of what we normally see, we must fully understand light and how it reacts on surfaces.

**What is Value?**



In art and design, value refers to how light or dark something is. Values could refer to black, white and the grey tones between. It could refer to how light or dark a color appears.

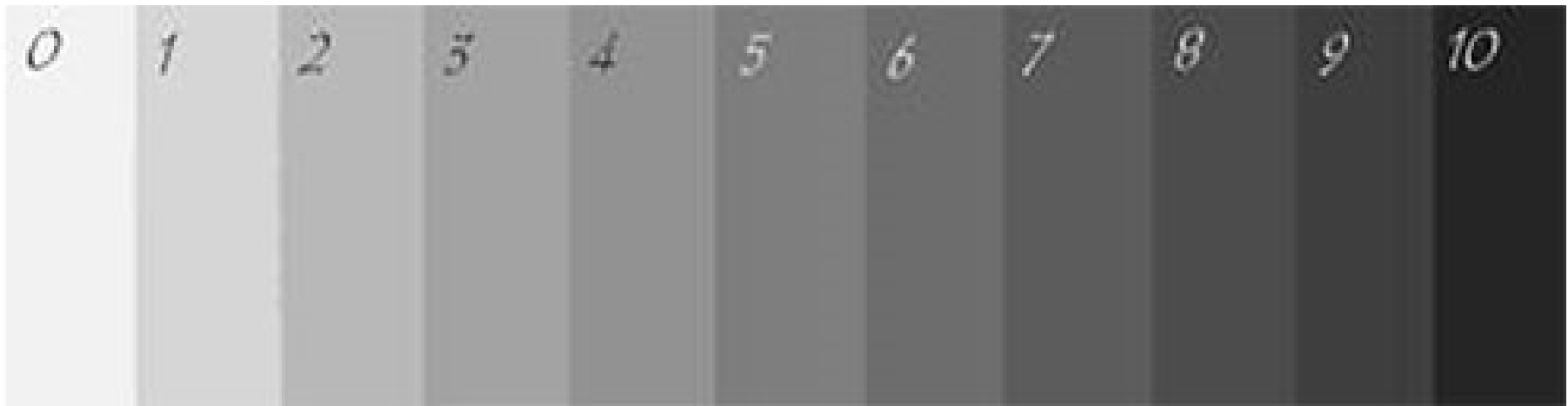
In real life value is created by the way light falls on an object.



Value can be used for a range of effects:

- to create the illusion of form
- to create a particular atmosphere
- to create contrast and focus attention
- to suggest depth and distance

# Why value is Important?



A full range of value means that they are ample amounts of light values- called tints, and dark values - called shades.

# The value grayscale

**Value** - Element of art associated with the darkness or lightness of a color

**Light source** - area in which light is originating from

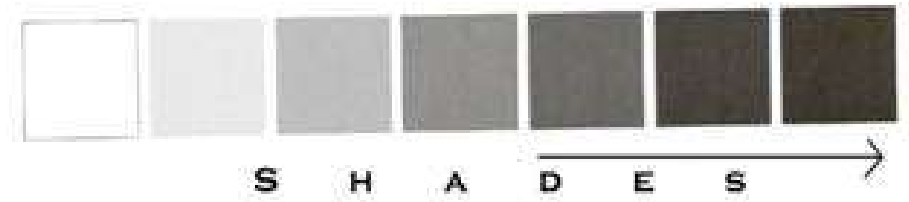
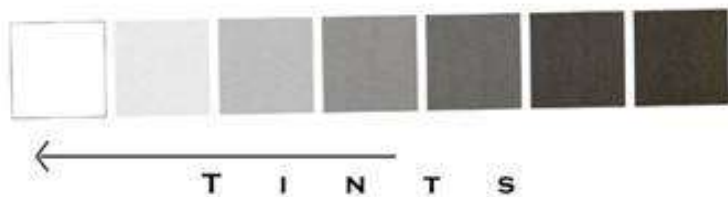
**Value scale** - a guide to creating a range of value, good pieces of art have a full range of value

**Tints** - light values

**Shades** - dark values

**Highlights** - areas on an object where light is hitting

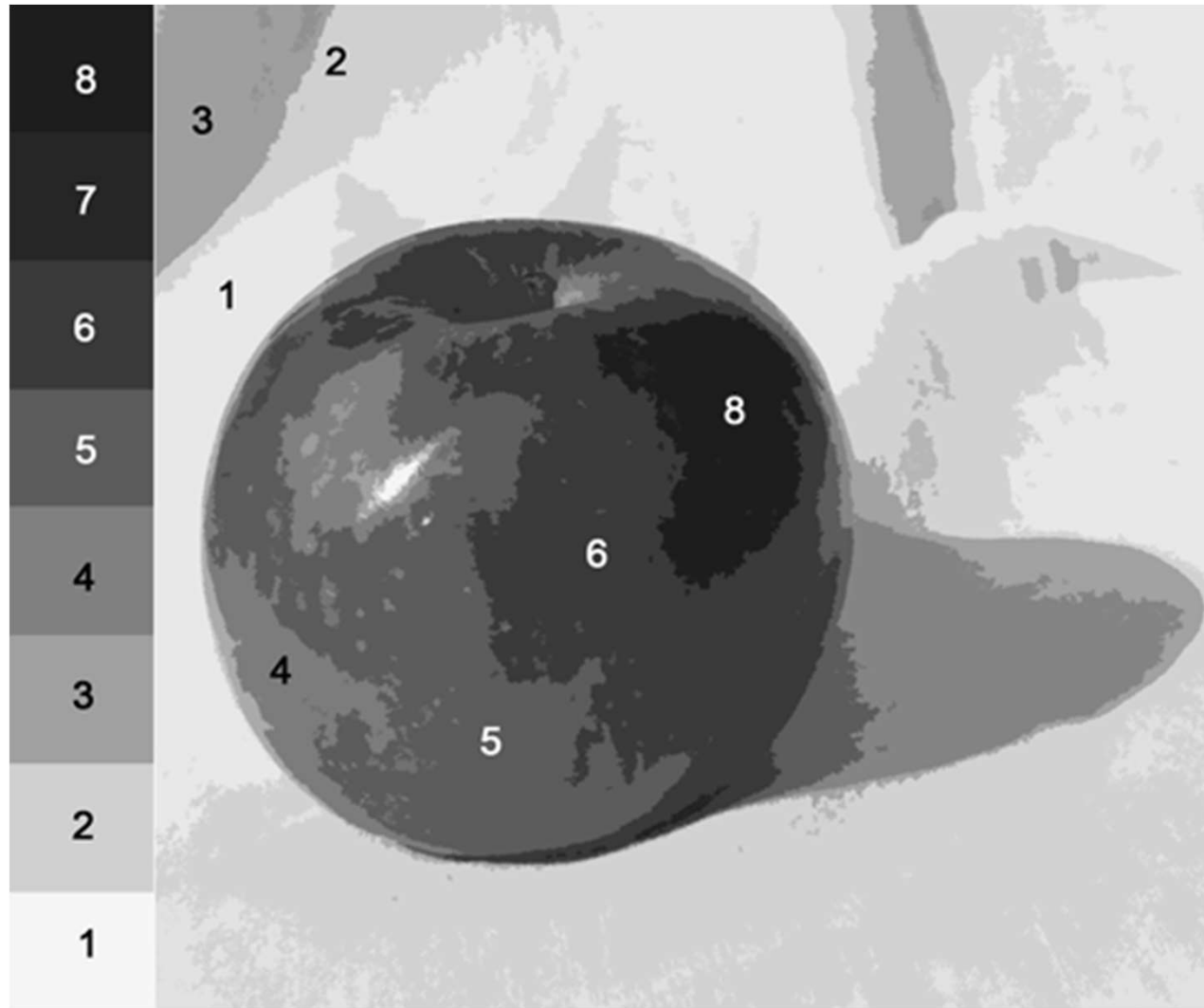
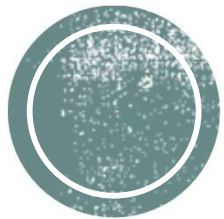
**Shadows** - areas on an object where light does not hit



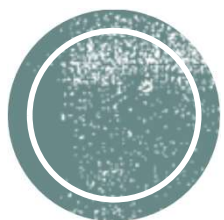
# The terms



**What do you see?**

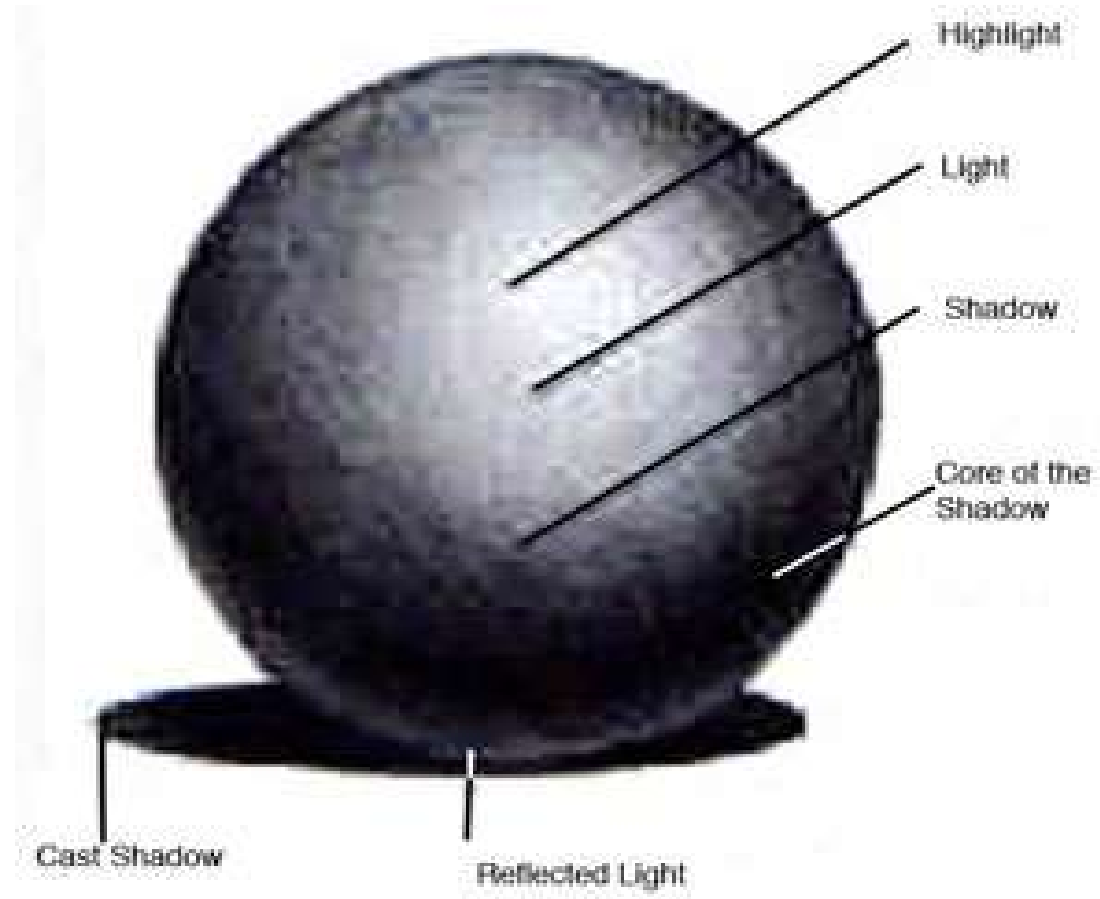
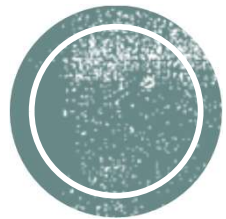


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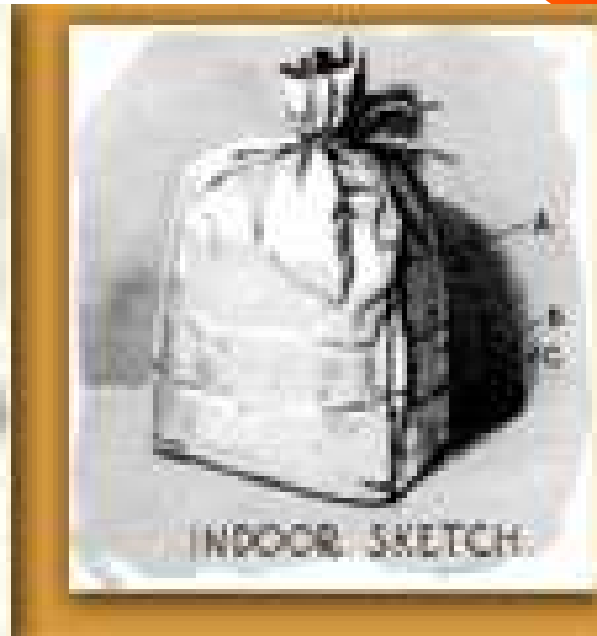
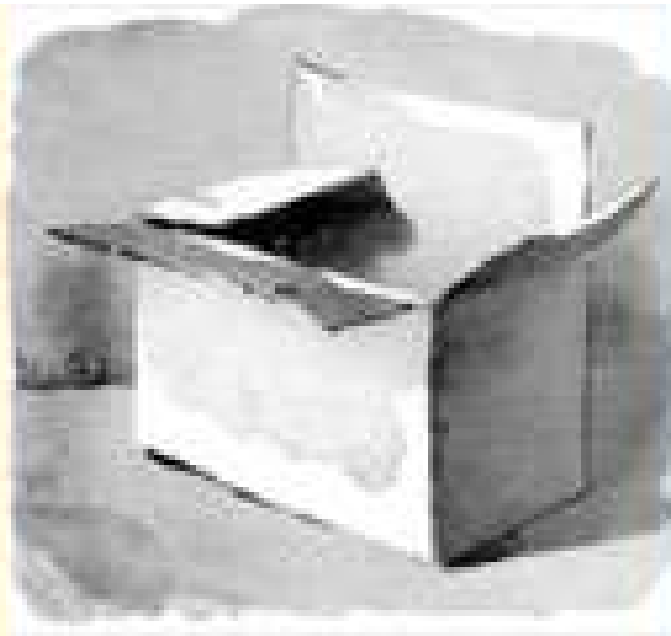
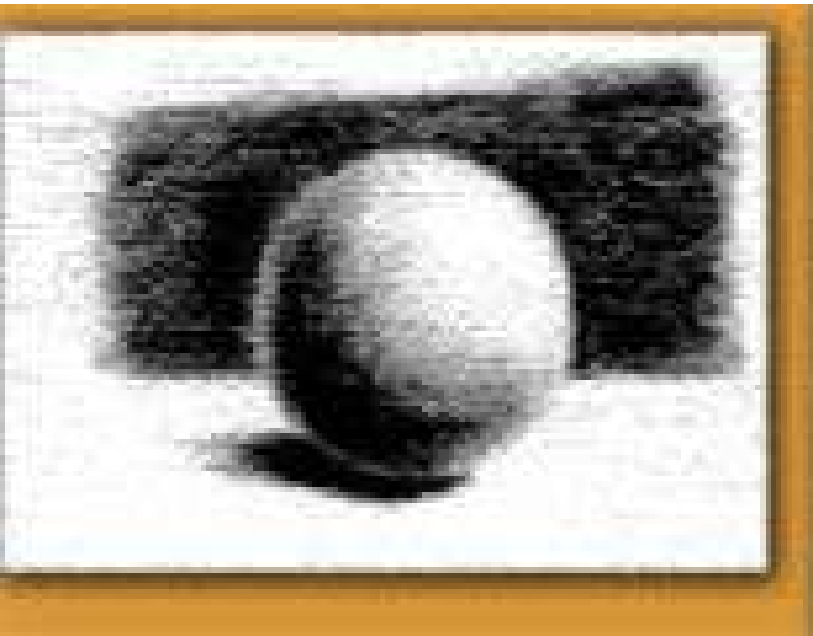


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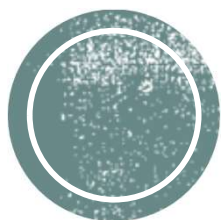




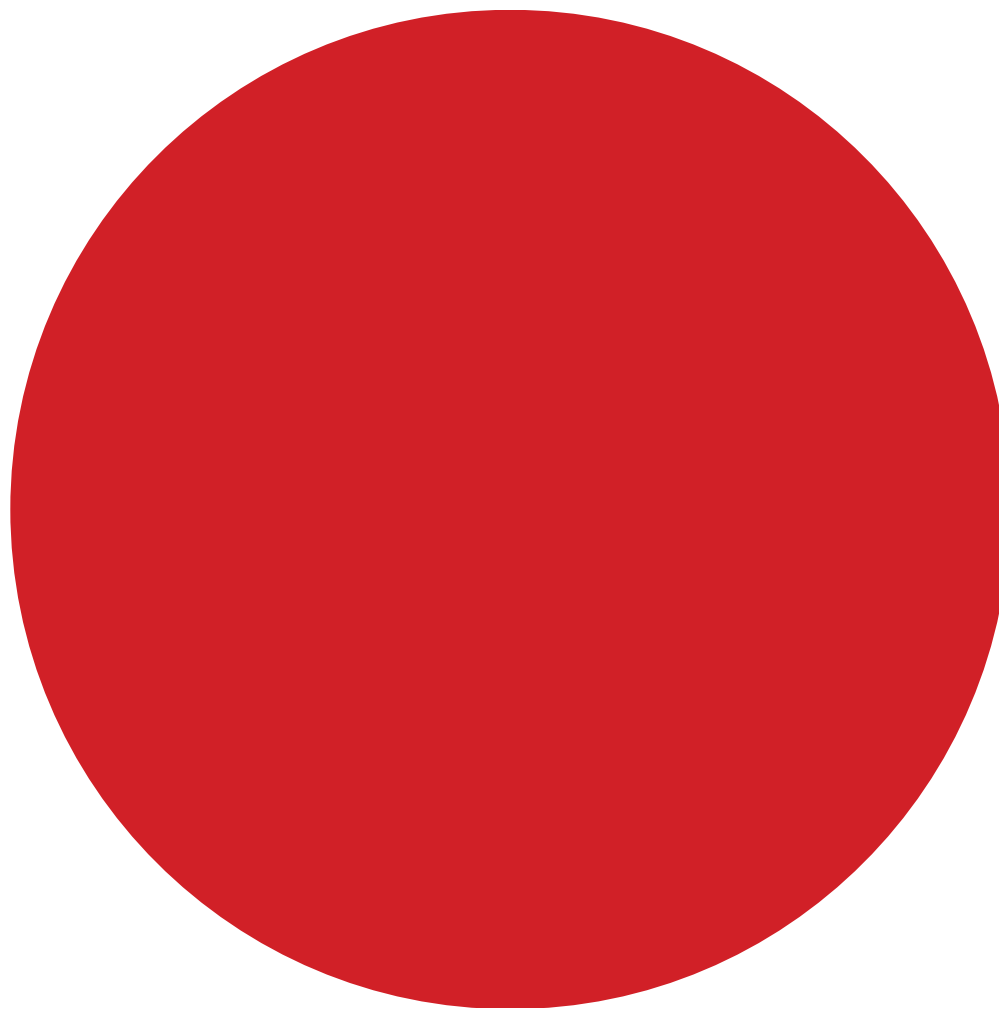
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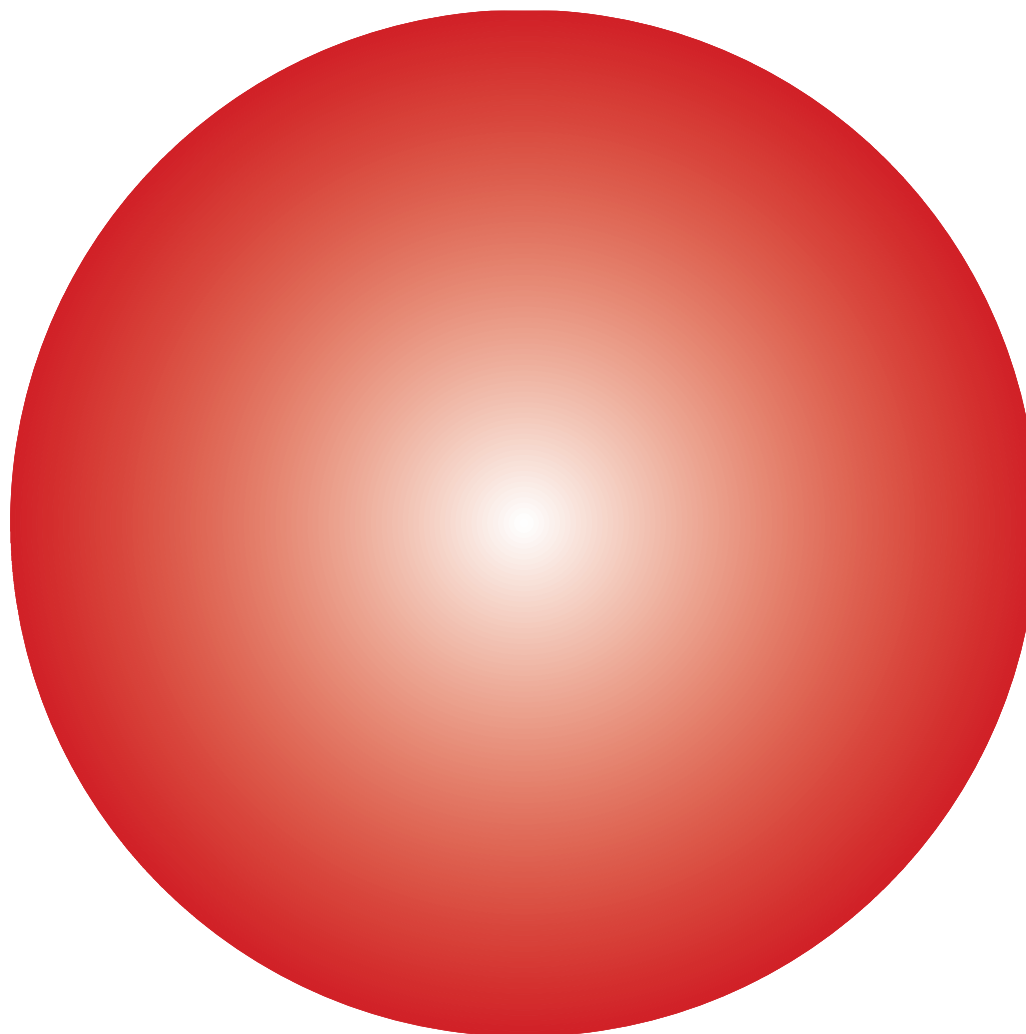
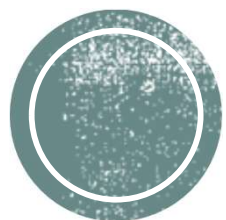
# Examples



**Examples**



**What do you  
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**And now?**



**Examples**

# Georgia O'Keeffe 1887–1986



