

# ART START

Principles of Art  
Pre-Quiz

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# ART START – *Write these notes in your sketchbook*

**Balance:** Impression of equilibrium in an artwork.  
When a composition feels equally weighted.

**Symmetrical:** an image, that when split in half, is equal or the same on both sides.

**Asymmetrical:** an image, that when split in half, is not equal or the same on both sides.

**Radial:** when symmetry is created around a central point.

# Symmetrical



# Asymmetrical



Radial



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Does this artwork  
seem balanced to  
you?

Why or why not?

If yes, what kind of  
balance?

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**Emphasis:** Used to create a center of interest, the place in an artwork where your eye first lands. (focal point)

**Common ways to create a focal point:**

- Eyes
- Shapes (especially a circle)
- Directional Lines
- Color/Value

# Eyes





# Shapes



# Directional Lines



Color/Value



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What do you believe is the focal point in this artwork?

How does the artist create the focal point?

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# PHILIPPE HALSMAN-

*Dali Atomicus*

1906-1979

American Portrait Photographer

Most famous for his photograph of Albert Einstein, who was a close family friend. Einstein helped Halsman's family obtain U.S. Visa's during the Nazi regime.

