Art Fundamentals Class #13:

How to Use References and Why They Are Important

1. In your own words, describe what *art references* are. Provide examples of different types of *art references* that artists can use.

2. Why is it important to start finding inspiration within ourselves and start building up artwork from scratch, as opposed to constantly looking for inspiration in the form of other artists' work?

3. Why is using *art references* (whether photos or objects/subjects we have in front of us in real life) essential for artists who are looking to develop their skills in higher levels of realism, as well as their knowledge of Art Fundamentals?

4. Why is it important to use quality photos when using them as references for new artwork? What are the characteristics present in a quality photograph?

5. Why is it necessary for artists nowadays to have at least basic photography skills?

6. What are some new ideas you're going to be implementing for future pieces when it comes to using references?