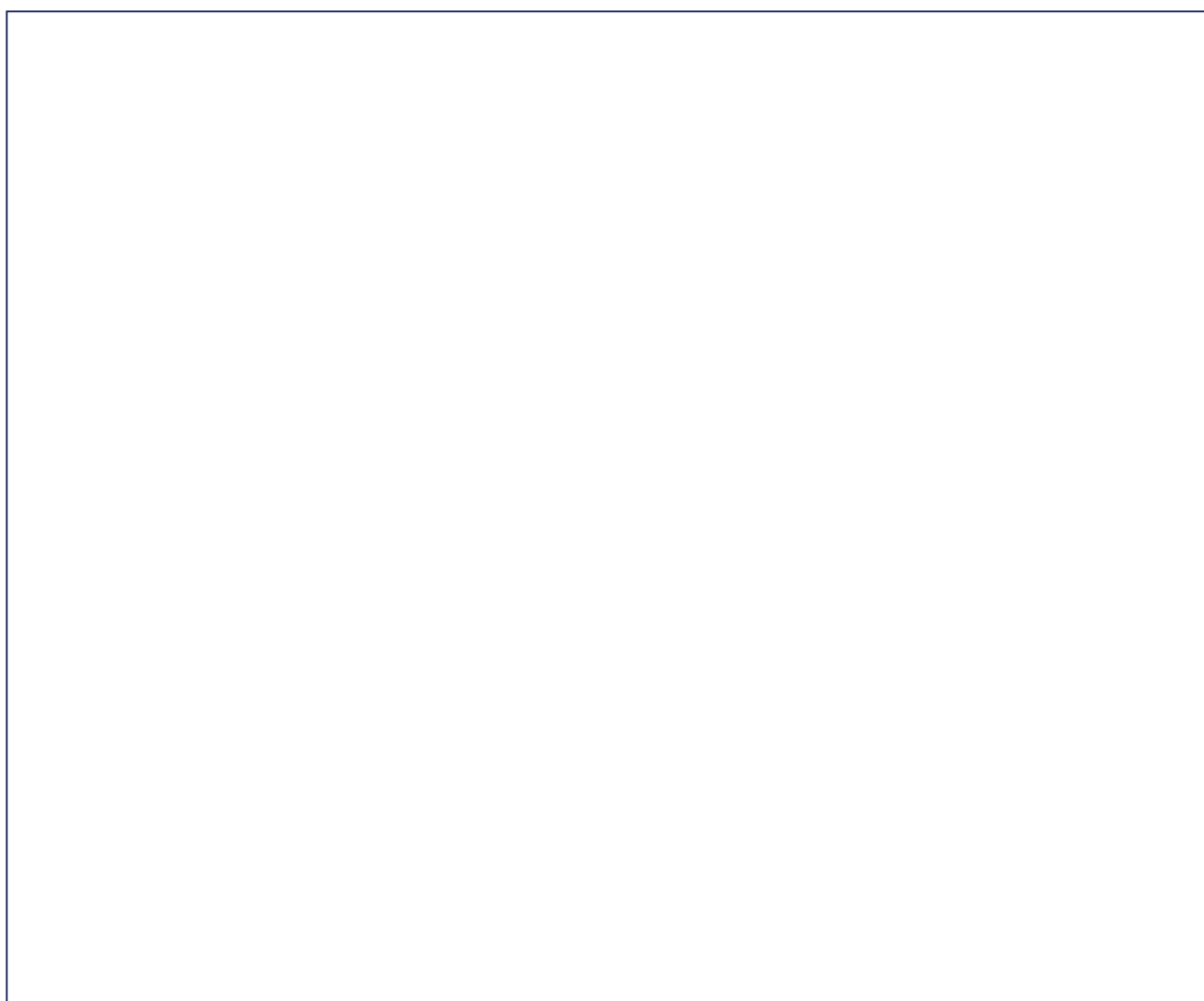


The Art of the Night Sky: Bonfire Night Illustration

Learning objective: To use descriptive vocabulary to create a detailed visual representation of a historical celebration, focusing on light, shadow, and atmospheric composition.

Follow the drawing prompt below to create a detailed illustration of a bonfire display. Use the provided word bank to label your finished masterpiece with precise, evocative language.

Draw: Create an A4 landscape drawing of a Bonfire Night scene. In the foreground, draw a silhouette of Leo the Lion and Kit the Fox looking upwards in wonder. In the middle ground, depict a roaring bonfire with detailed wood textures. In the background, fill the night sky with 'cascading' fireworks. Use a mixture of cool, dark tones (deep indigo, midnight blue) for the sky to create high contrast with the 'luminescent' and 'vibrant' colours of the explosions. Incorporate 'cinders' drifting upwards towards the stars to add movement.



Label words: Incandescent · Luminescent · Silhouette · Cinder · Vibrant · Effervescent · Crimson · Cascading

Steps:

1. Step 1: Sketch a silhouette of Leo the Lion and his friends watching the display. Why does using a silhouette help the viewer focus on the colours in the sky? Explain your reasoning.
2. Step 2: Draw the bonfire using layers of colour. Label the 'core' and the 'fringe'. Justify why you chose specific colours for the intense heat at the centre versus the outer edges.

3. Step 3: Add three different types of fireworks. Describe the patterns you have drawn using at least two adjectives from the word bank.
4. Compare and contrast the light cast by the bonfire on the ground versus the light cast by the fireworks in the night sky. What effect does this have on the mood of your drawing?
5. What might happen to the colours in your drawing if there was a thick, autumnal fog? Explain how you would alter your shading technique.
6. Identify one area of your drawing where you have used 'negative space'. Why is this important for the overall composition?