Art Appreciation / Art History

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Welcome to Art Appreciation / Art History for the Young Child. Our hope is that you'll come away with a real encouragement to set up a rich art appreciation program at your school. Our approach is simple in that you will see how you can begin at the beginning and then add to your program only if and when you are ready!

Our approach will be 4 fold:

1) Basic curriculum using 3 common art subjects – bring at least 3 blank pieces of paper!
2) Expanding the basic curriculum with activities
3) Expanding the basic curriculum with a study of art / artist styles
4) Expanding the basic curriculum with in-depth artist studies

If we have enough time, we'll touch on 'drawing with children' and give you an idea of a good approach to this fun subject.

Where to get Art Postcards:

1) Museum gift shops
2) Aline D Wolf books
3) DoverPublications.com (search for '24 art cards')

Artists mentioned:

Ambosius Bosschaert
Paul Cezanne
Johannes Vermeer
Mary Cassatt
Rembrandt van Rijn
Pieter Breugel
Vincent van Gogh
Georges Seurat
Claude Monet
Wassily Kandinsky
Piet Mondrian
Pablo Picasso
Georgia O'Keefe

Books mentioned:

Quiet Time with Cassatt by Julie Merberg and Suzanne Bober
A Picnic with Monet by Julie Merberg and Suzanne Bober
Masters of Western Art Fandex Family Field Guides
Monet (Art Activity Pack) by Mila Boutan
Van Gogh (Art Activity Pack) By Mila Boutan
Vincent's Colors Metropolitan Museum of Art
Van Gogh (My Sticker Art Gallery by Carole Armstrong
Jan Vermeer (Colouring Book) Prestel Publishing
The Art Treasure Hunt (I Spy with my Little Eye) Prestel Publishing
13 Artists children Should Know Prestel Publishing
Can You Find It? Series by Jessica Schulte and Judith Cressy (Metropolitan Museum of Art)

Good art period time line website:
http://practicalpages.wordpress.com/free-pages/art-era-timelines/

There are lots of nice coloring sheets at
www.Livingston.org/page/384

Artist (Montessori) cards:
http://www.thatresourcesite.com/montessori_art.htm (Cezanne, DaVinci, Renoir and Monet)

Copy Cat Songs about artists:

A FAMOUS ARTIST THAT I KNOW
Tune: London Bridge is Falling Down

(Van Gogh)
A famous artist that I know,
Is Van Gogh, is Van Gogh,
A famous artist that I know,
Is Vincent Van Gogh.

He painted flowers and starry nights,
Fields of wheat, cypress trees,
Haystacks, windmills and some boats,
Vincent Van Gogh.

(Picasso)
A famous artist that I know,
Is Picasso, is Picasso
A famous artist that I know,
Is Pablo Picasso.

He painted instruments and faces,
Skoogie woogie, in most cases,
A simple flower bouquet also,
Pablo Picasso.

(Vermeer)
A famous artist that I know,
Is Vermeer, is Vermeer,
A famous artist that I know,
Is Johannes Vermeer.

He painted ladies playing music,
Making lace and doing chores,
He painted pearls and yellow coats,
Johannes Vermeer.

(Georgia O'Keefe)
A famous artist that I know,
Is O'Keeffe, is O'Keeffe,
A famous artist that I know,
Is Georgia O'Keeffe.

She studied all the parts of the flower,
For hours and hours she painted flowers.
She fills the page, no room for a leaf
Georgia O'Keeffe.

(Mondrian)
A famous artist that I know,
Is Mondrian, Mondrian,
A famous artist that I know,
Is Piet Mondrian.

He painted rectangles and squares,
Big and small, everywhere.
Some are blue, some yellow, some red
Piet Mondrian.

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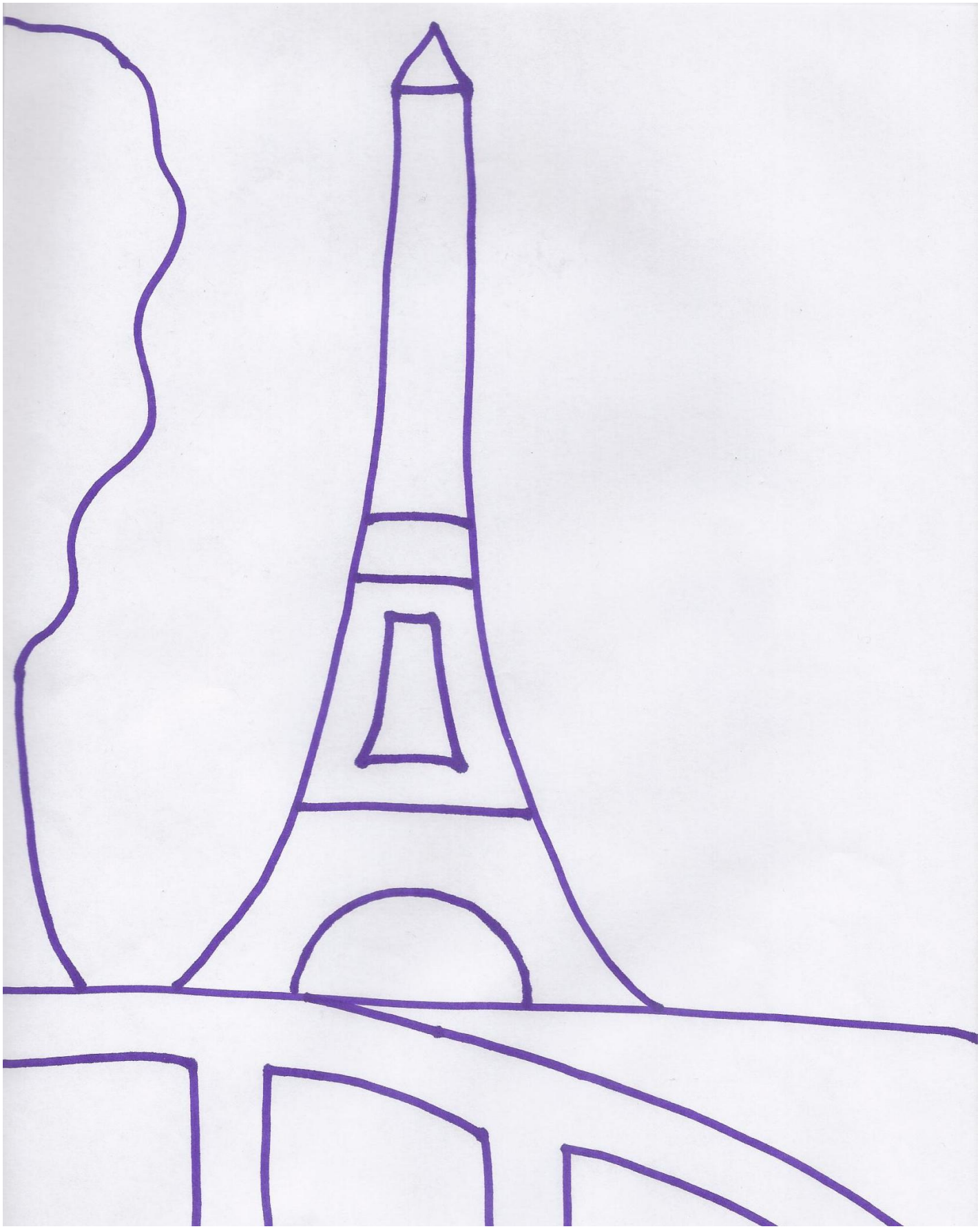

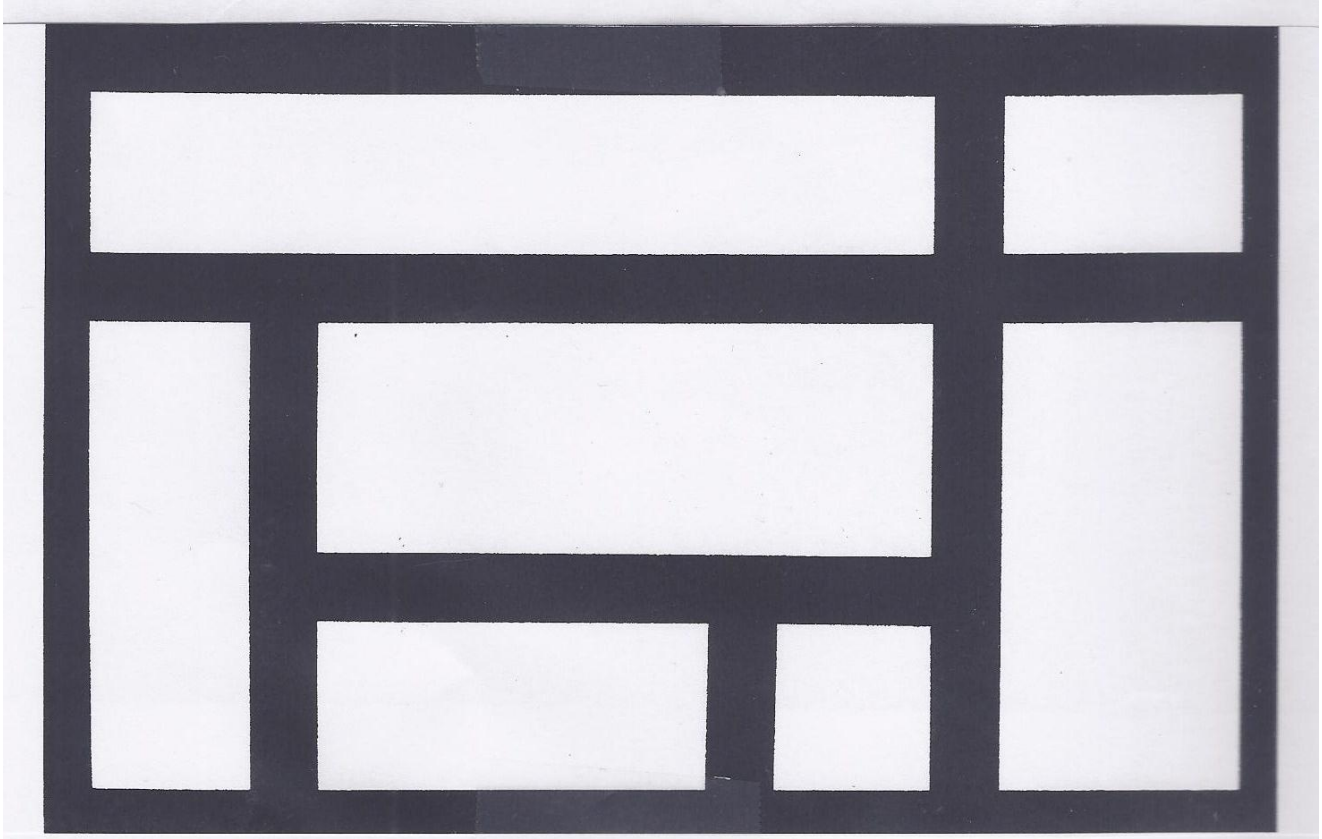
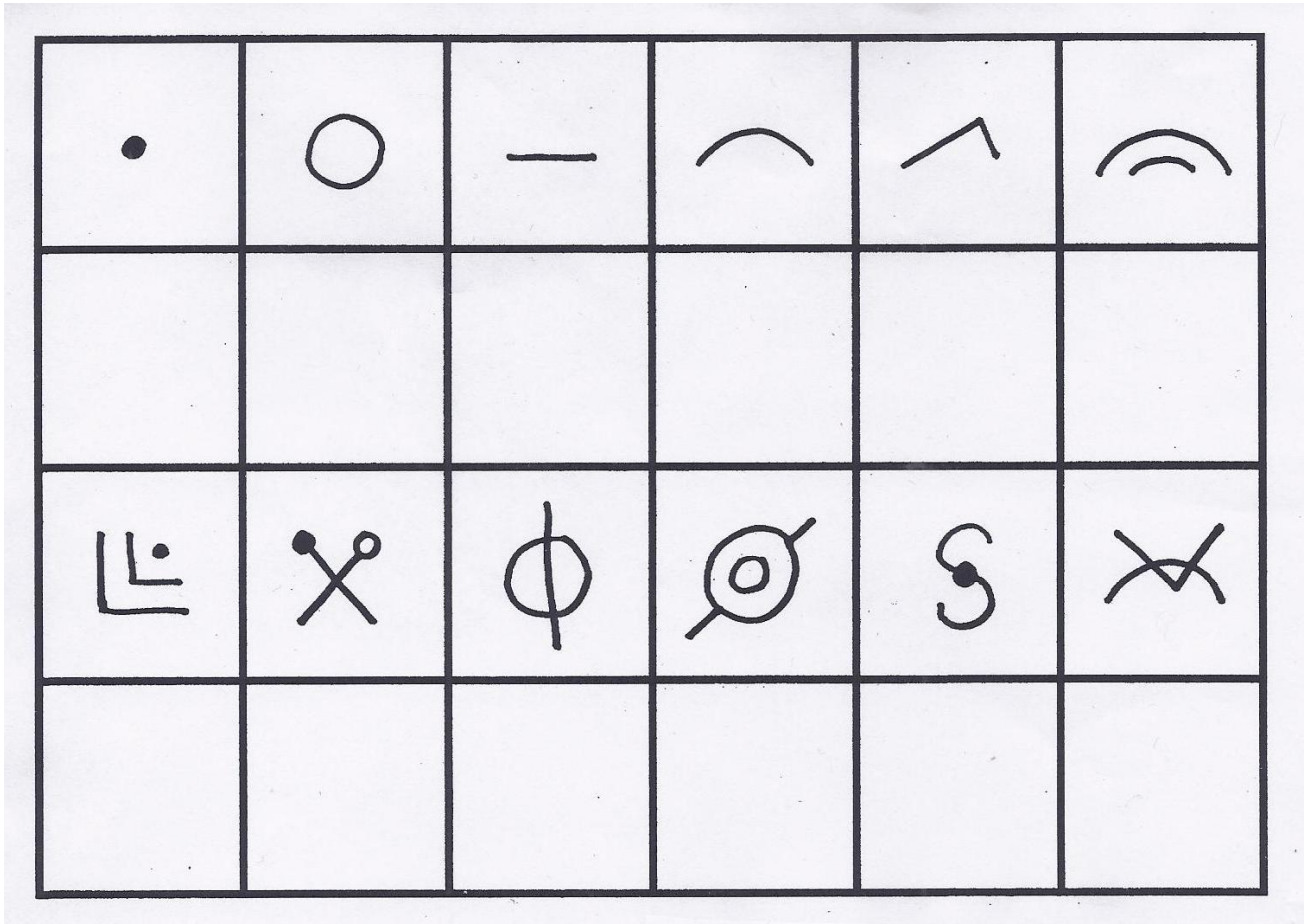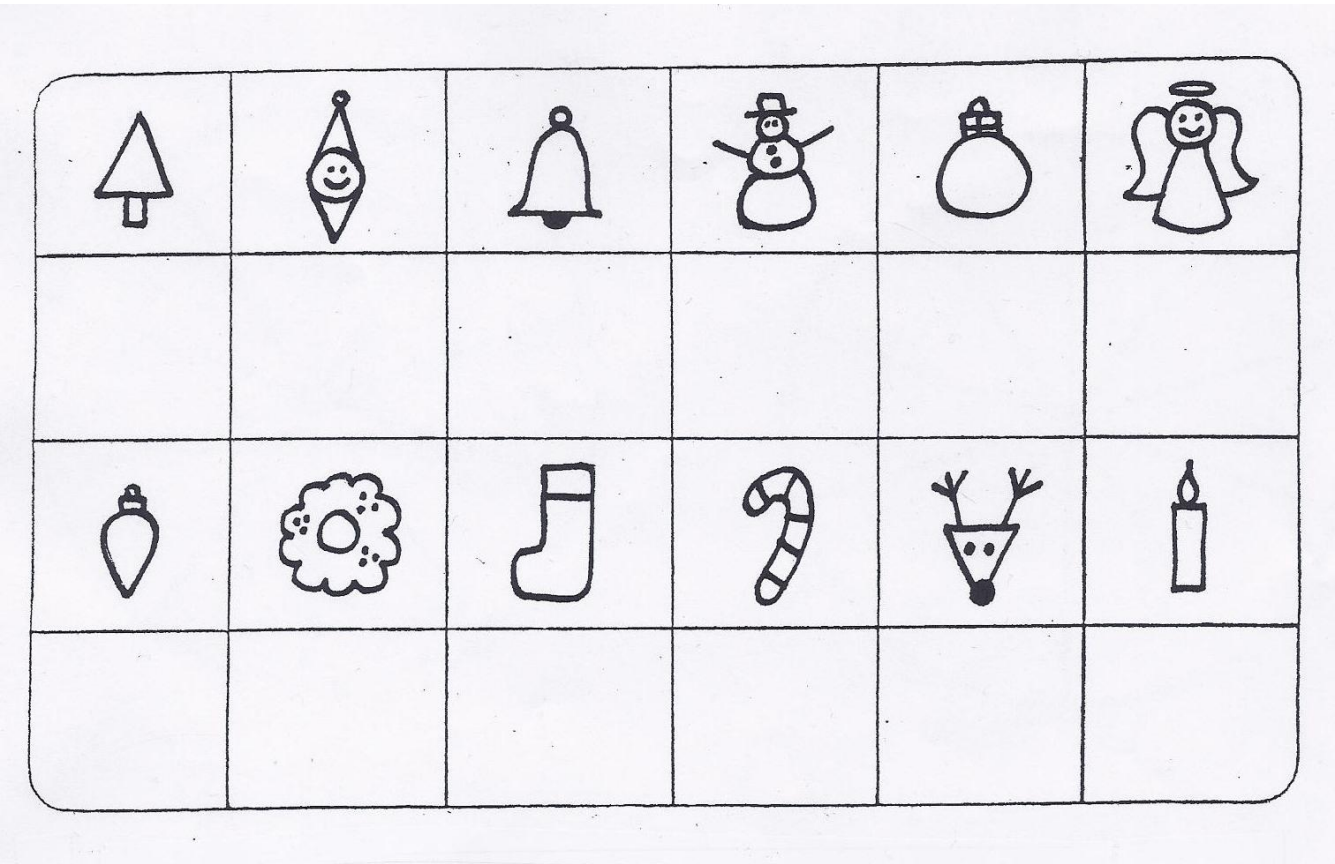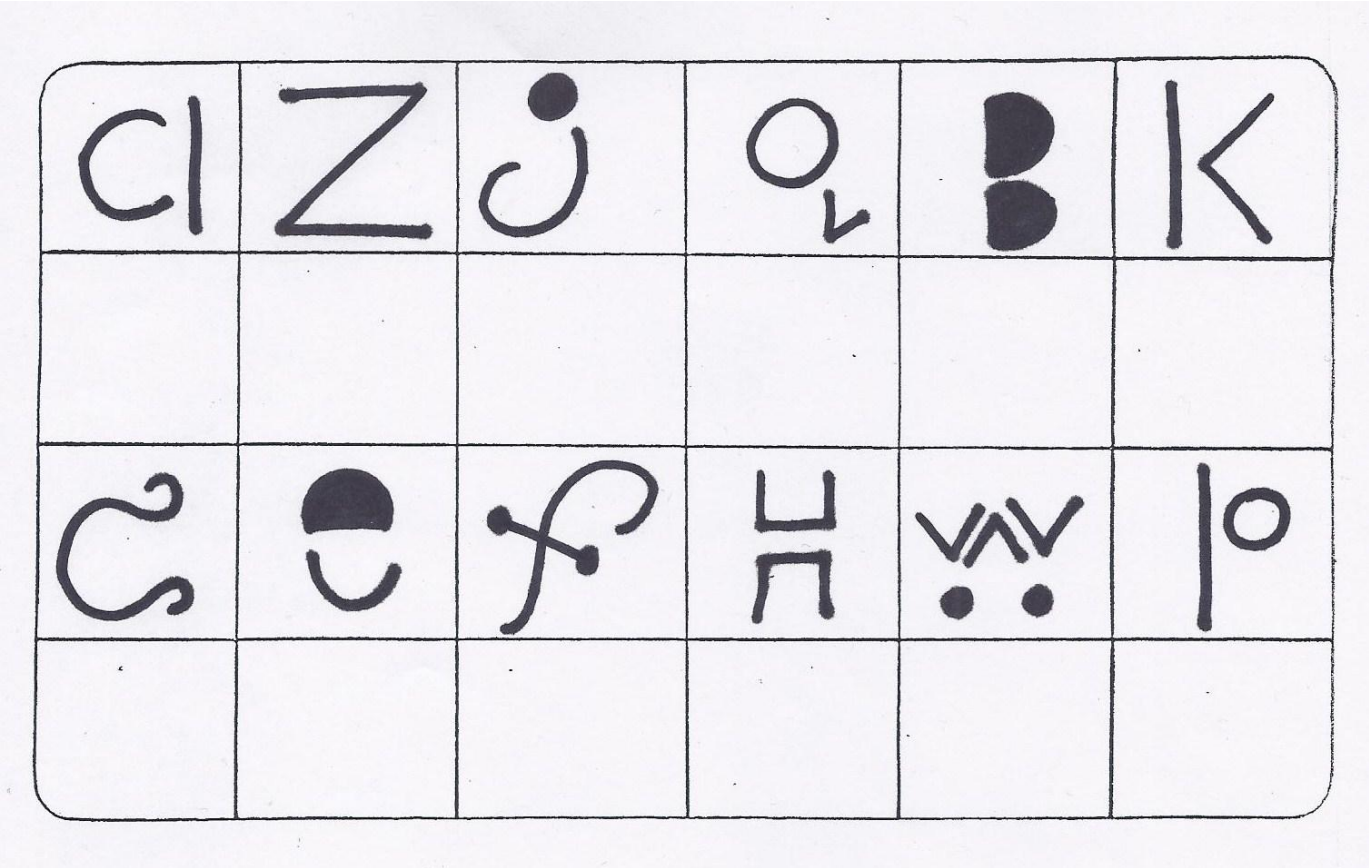
In the style of Piet Mondrian's abstract works