4-H Visual Arts Thursday
Week 5 Challenge

Space

The positive space of a design is the filled space in the design.
Negative space is the background.

HOW TO WRITE YOUR NAME IN NEGATIVE SPACE

- Use a straight edge to *lightly* draw two parallel lines in pencil.
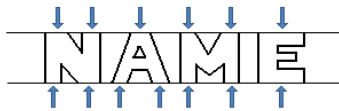
- Shorter names and longer names will require these two lines to be different lengths and widths.

- Draw your name using block letters (all capitals). Make sure the leters touch the tops and bottoms of the two lines.

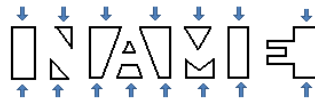- The tops and bottoms of the letters don't really need to be drawn as they are already there.

- Add two additional vertical lines at the front and back of your name.

- Erase the tops and bottoms of each letter. Be careful to erase the correct parts!

- Make these remaining odd shapes more solid by pressing harder with your pencil as you outline them.

- Congratulations, you've made your name in negative space. What is usually the negative space, has now become positives!

- To make your name easier to see, darken in the individual spaces to create more contrast.

Questions to think about:

Why is negative space important in art?

How have you used positive and negative space in visual arts projects in the past?

Negative space is the background area and can often be ignored. What are some examples of people who work in the background and can be ignored? How can you recognize them?