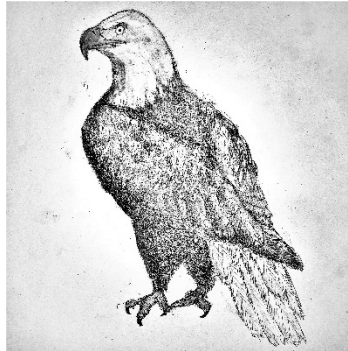
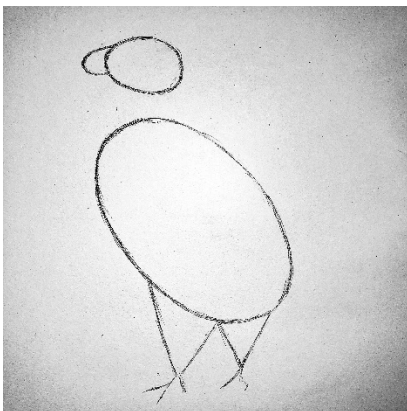
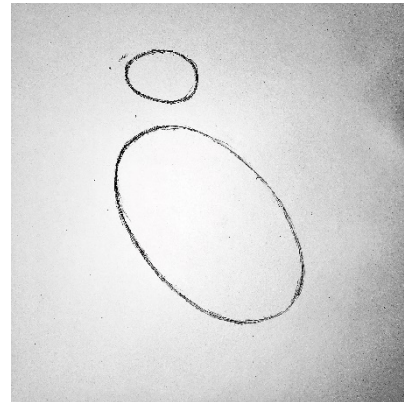


The Ashokan Reservoir watershed is an important habitat area for the Bald Eagle!

Follow the steps below to create your own drawing of this majestic bird!



Step 1: Start by drawing a small oval (for the head) pointing a little bit toward the top, left corner of your paper. Then draw a larger diagonal oval (for the body) right below it.



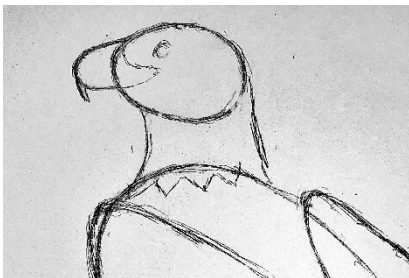
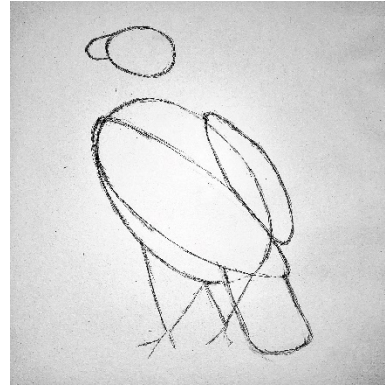
Step 2: Draw a small half oval on the left side of your top circle for the beak.

Now add two V-shapes to the bottom of the body oval for the legs. Draw three lines coming off the left leg and two off the right leg for the feet.

(Eagles have four toes and talons, but you are drawing the side view of your eagle so you don't see them all!)



Step 3: Add two long, skinny ovals to the body oval for the wings. Make the top one shorter than the bottom one. Then add a long, three-sided rectangle shape to the bottom of the body oval for the tail feathers- this should overlap the back leg a little bit.



Step 4: Connect the head to the body with two curved lines. Connect those two lines with a zigzag line.

Add a point to the bottom of your half oval for the sharp beak and start to extend this oval into the head oval for the mouth.

You can also now add a small circle to the inside of your small oval for the eye. Make this circle in line with the top of the half oval.

Step 5: Now for the face! Sharpen your pencil and work slowly! Draw a black dot in the center of your eye circle for the pupil. Now draw a line that goes from the edge of the head circle to about halfway around the eye. Make the line darker and thicker above the eye.



Add a nostril to the top of the beak. Extend the line from the point of the beak, into the face for the mouth. Now finish drawing in the outline of the mouth area.

You can now erase the lines of the oval and start to add some shading under the chin.



Step 6: Start to draw in the legs by drawing over the lines with many short marks. You want to make them look a little fuzzy.

Then begin to make the shape of a foot. Be sure to add the sharp, black talons.

Now you can erase the lines that separate the legs from the body.

Step 7: Now draw curved lines across the wings and the back of the body. Draw straight lines going down the tail. Add a point to the end of your wing ovals.

These will be your guiding lines for drawing some feathers!



Okay! Now you have two options... You can erase the lines inside the body and color in your eagle, or you can continue your drawing adventure to learn how to add some shading and give your eagle texture!

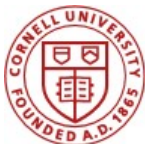
Sticking with it? Great!

Step 8: Draw little U-shapes in between each of your curved guiding lines. These are your feathers! You can make them overlap each other (think of fish scales).

Now imagine a feather and draw slanted lines going down one half on the U-shape.



Do the same thing to the other half but make the lines slant down in the opposite direction. Repeat this for all your feathers! Just remember to keep the tail feathers very light- they're white!



Step 9: The legs are very dark. You can shade them in by first filling in the shape with dark, curved lines. This can help make them look 3D!

Tip: Work with a dull pencil for this shading. You can make your pencil dull by rubbing it back and forth on a separate sheet of paper.



Step 10: Now you want to blend in your shading lines. You can do this by rubbing a Q-tip over the lines and smudging the pencil. You can also use a tightly rolled up piece of tissue.

Smudge all your lines. You can make some of your feathers very dark by adding more pencil lines. Make some lighter by gently rubbing the eraser over them.



Step 11: Shade in the beak and the feet.

Continue making some places darker and some places lighter until you are happy with your work.

You did it! Way to go!