Organic & Geometric Shapes

Intro to Art II
Organic vs. Geometric

- ORGANIC shapes are freeform, irregular, (generally) do not have a specific descriptive name
- GEOMETRIC shapes are calculated mathematically, generally symmetrical, and generally have specific names
Shape vs. Form

• SHAPE is 2-dimensional

• FORM is 3-dimensional OR looks like it is 3-D
Many shapes combined to create a form
Shapes used to create an artwork
Organic vs. Geometric
Shapes of value show form
Color and value changes to show form
How colors look

• **Warm** colors tend to advance toward the viewer

• **Cool** colors tend to recede toward the background

7th grade student artwork, Northport School District
Organic or geometric shapes?

- Each object is broken down into flat areas of light and dark
Margie Florini, *It Was A Very Good Year*

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Your assignment:

• Create 1 composition, consider
  – geometric, simplified shapes (straight, angular)
  – organic, irregular shapes (rounded, irregular)

• Composition should be based* on photos
  – Look at how color and value create shapes and forms
    • Break objects down into shapes of color and value
  – Distinguish objects from the background using warm and cool colors

*does not need to exactly replicate the photo, but should use shapes of value as a guide to show form