



Bargue's drawing course

A classic drawing course from 19th-century Paris - all the plates and a guide, free.

Short edition · 197 plates in three parts



Plate I-44 (detail). Source gallica.bnf.fr / BnF



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About the course

Bargue's drawing course is a set of 197 plates that students at 19th-century art schools were to copy before moving on to drawing from plaster casts and the live model. The plates were drawn and lithographed by Charles Bargue in collaboration with the painter Jean-Léon Gérôme. They were published in Paris between about 1867 and 1873.

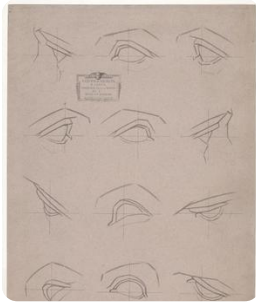
The course is built up step by step: from eyes, noses and hands, via heads, to full figures. Many plates show both a simple outline of straight lines and the finished, shaded drawing, so you can see the path from the big shapes to the details.

Vincent van Gogh taught himself figure drawing using the course, and today it is once again in use in classical drawing schools. The course is also available as a book (see "The course today"). Here you can see all the plates and download them at full size for printing.

The thumbnails give an overview. The full-size plates for printing are downloaded from the website - tap a thumbnail, or go to the address under it.

Part 1 - After plaster casts (70 plates)

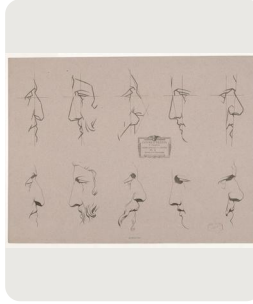
Parts of the face, hands and feet, heads, torsos and full figures, drawn from plaster casts of classical and later sculpture. Start here.



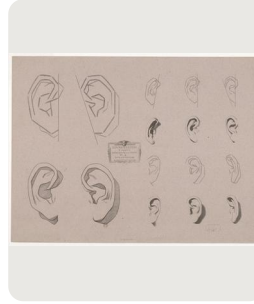
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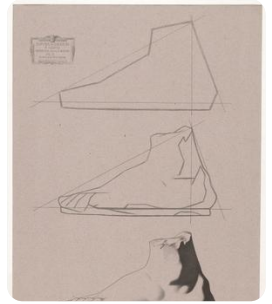
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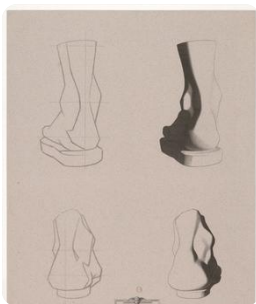
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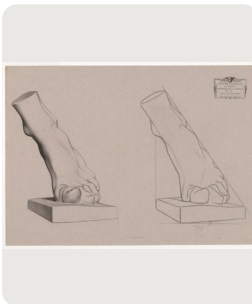
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Profile of the foot
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Heels
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I-07
Foot of the gladiator
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Foot of the Medici Venus
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Sole of the foot
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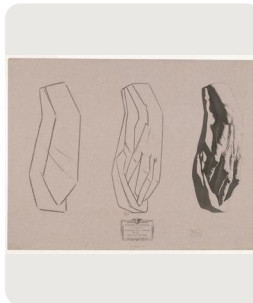
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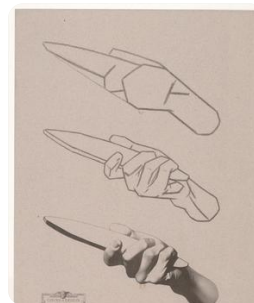
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Closed hand and leaning ha...
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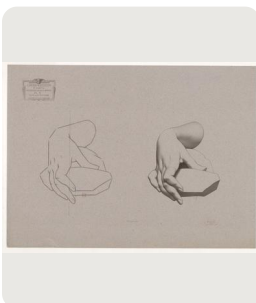
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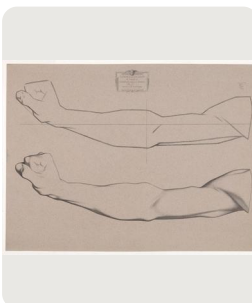
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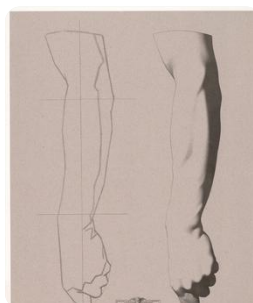
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Hand of a woman holding a ...
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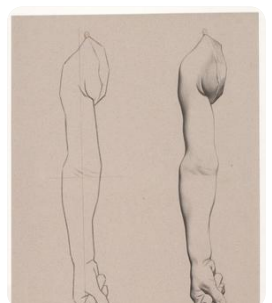
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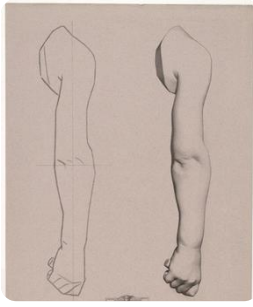
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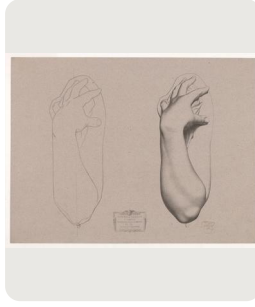
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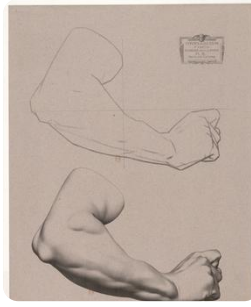
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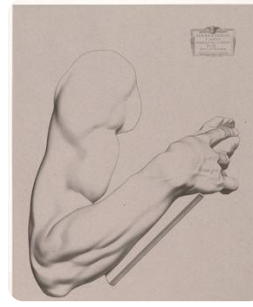
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Woman's arm, bent
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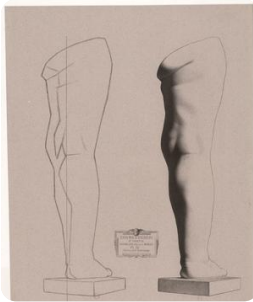
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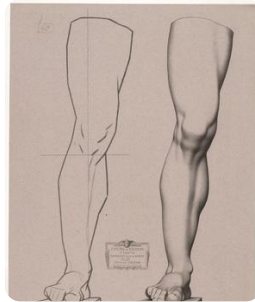
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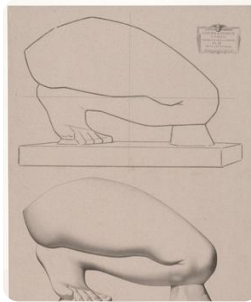
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Leg of Germanicus in profile
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Child's leg, rear view
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Leg of Germanicus, front vi...
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Leg of the Crouching Venus
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Leg of the Venus de Medici
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Legs of the Dying Slave, by ...
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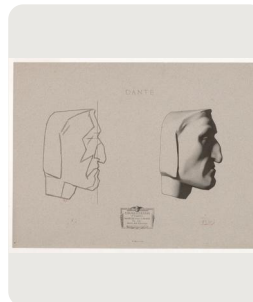
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Nero as a child
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Cardinal Jiménez
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Young girl. Life cast
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Dante
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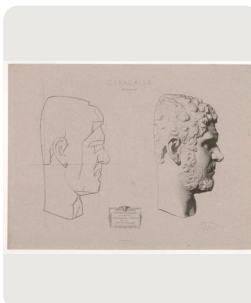
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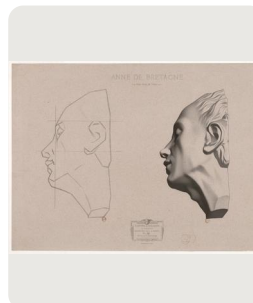
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Marcus Brutus
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Head of a horse, Parthenon
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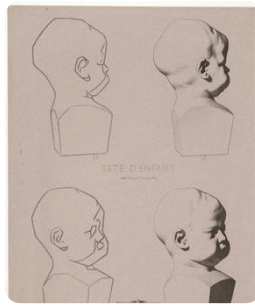
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The Capitoline Ariadne
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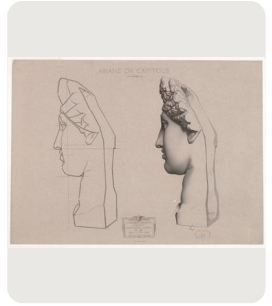
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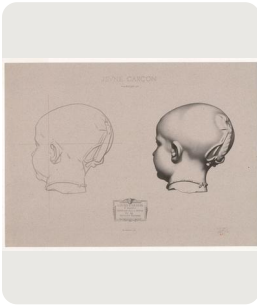
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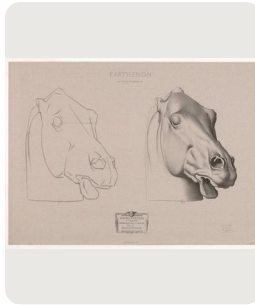
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Capitoline Ariadne
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Young boy
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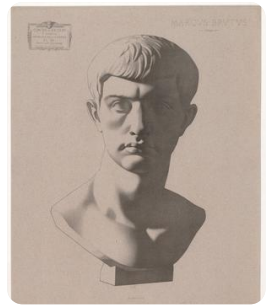
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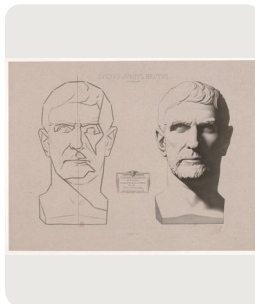
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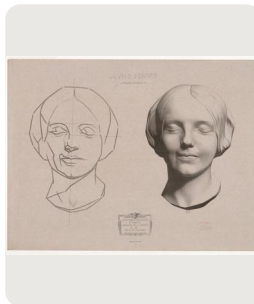
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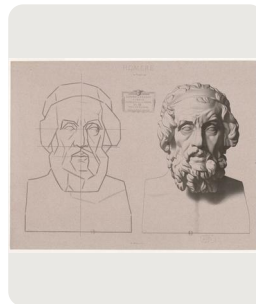
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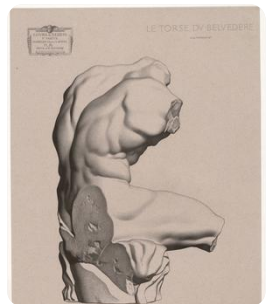
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Young woman. Life cast
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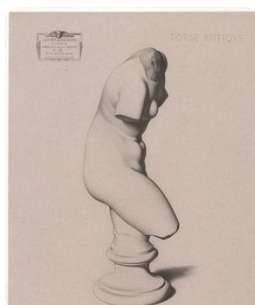
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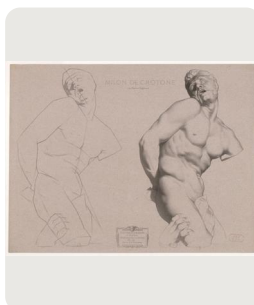
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Belvedere Torso, rear view
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Male torso, back view
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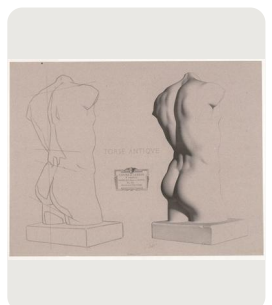
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Female torso, three-quarter...
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Milo of Croton, by Pierre P...
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Vatican Amazon, draped
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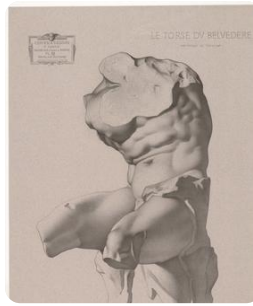
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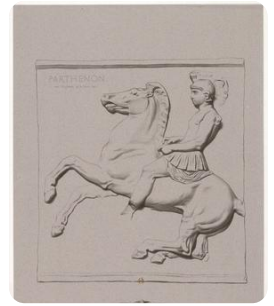
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Female torso, rear view
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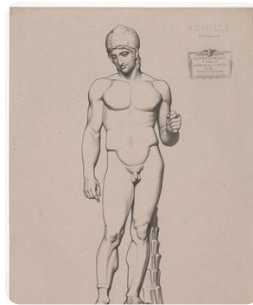
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Two knights
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Achilles
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Germanicus
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Saint Martha
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Part 2 - After the masters (67 plates)

Copies of drawings by masters from different periods and schools.

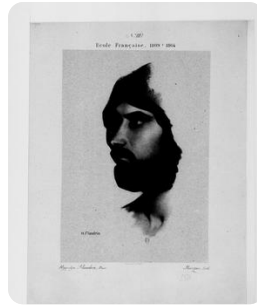
Parts 2 and 3 contain many drawings of nude models. This was - and is - a normal part of drawing training.



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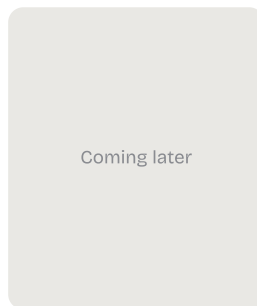
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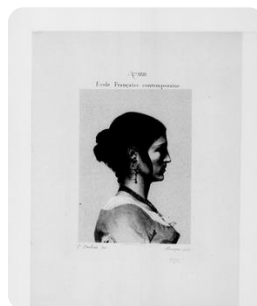
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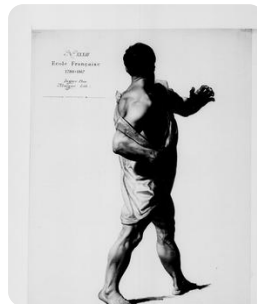
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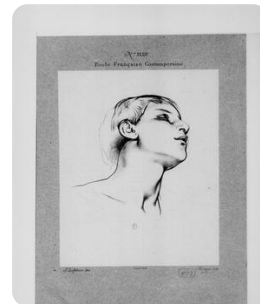
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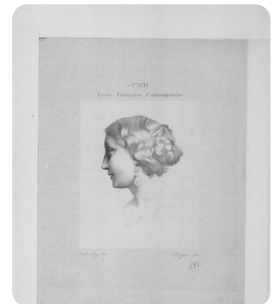
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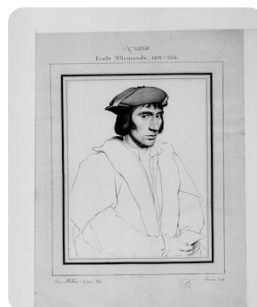
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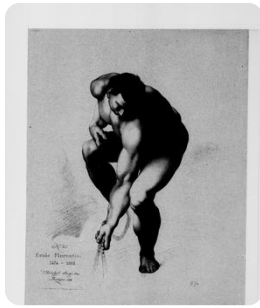
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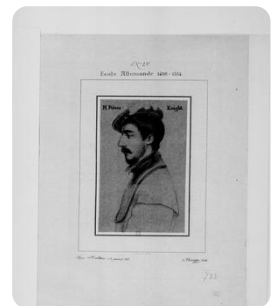
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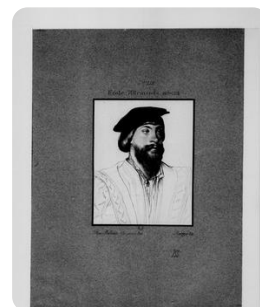
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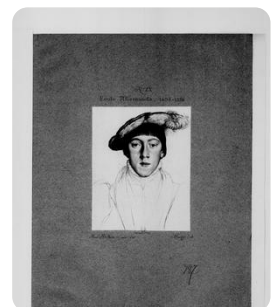
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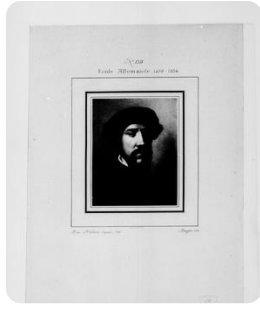
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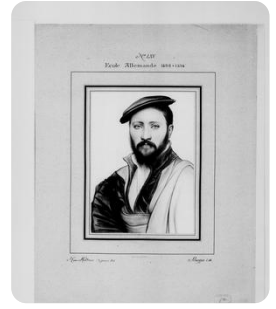
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Part 3 - Charcoal exercises (60 plates)

Academies (drawings of nude models) as preparation for drawing from the live model.



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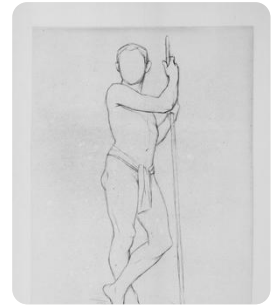
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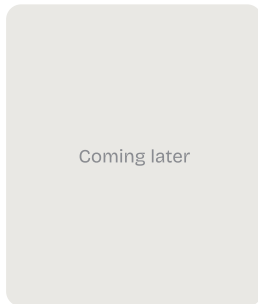
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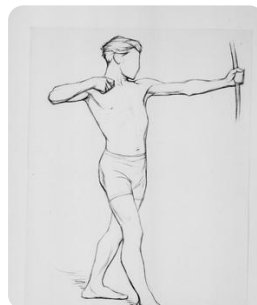
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