

Hello!

Let's do a technical check

How does your computer screen look? Can you see everything?

You can use "view option" if it needs adjusting

Is your camera on so we can all see you?

Can you mute yourself?

We probably all know how to use **zoom**, but if not, we will learn!

Does everyone know each other?

What happened this week that was special?

Ingo Arndt, Wildlife Photographer and PumaLand

About Ingo!

Silke and Ingo Arndt

Both Ingo and his wife Silke were born in Germany. They work as a team. Ingo finished school and plunged into an adventurous life of a professional photographer. Since then, he has travelled around the globe as a wildlife photographer, taking pictures of animals and where they live. He wants to show the *magnificence* of nature. Silke accompanies Ingo on his field trips and documents their experiences with her video camera. Silke designed most of Ingo's recently published books.¹



(Where do you think this photo was taken?)

Eye to eye with the wild pumas of Patagonia

- About 20 years ago, during a trip to Torres del Paine National Park, in Chile, while photographing guanacos, Ingo caught a brief glimpse of a mother puma and her two cubs.
- Ingo said “This brief sighting burned itself deep into my memory. I fell in love with this wild landscape at the end of the world and with the majestic and elusive pumas. That days I decided to return to photograph them.”³

Some questions ...

- What is a puma?
- What is a guanaco?
- Where is Patagonia?
- Where do pumas live?
- How did Ingo get this project done?

What is a Puma?

- Cougar
- Mountain Lion

There is no difference between pumas, cougars, and mountain lions.



What is a guanaco?

Guanacos are related to camels, as are vicunas, llamas, and alpacas. But they live in South America, while camels are found in Africa and Asia. Guanacos and vicunas are wild animals, but llamas and alpacas have been domesticated, like cats and dogs, and were probably bred from guanacos. They're slender animals with pale brown backs, white undersides, short tails, large heads, very long necks, and big, pointed ears.⁵



Vicuña

Alpaca

Guanaco



Llama

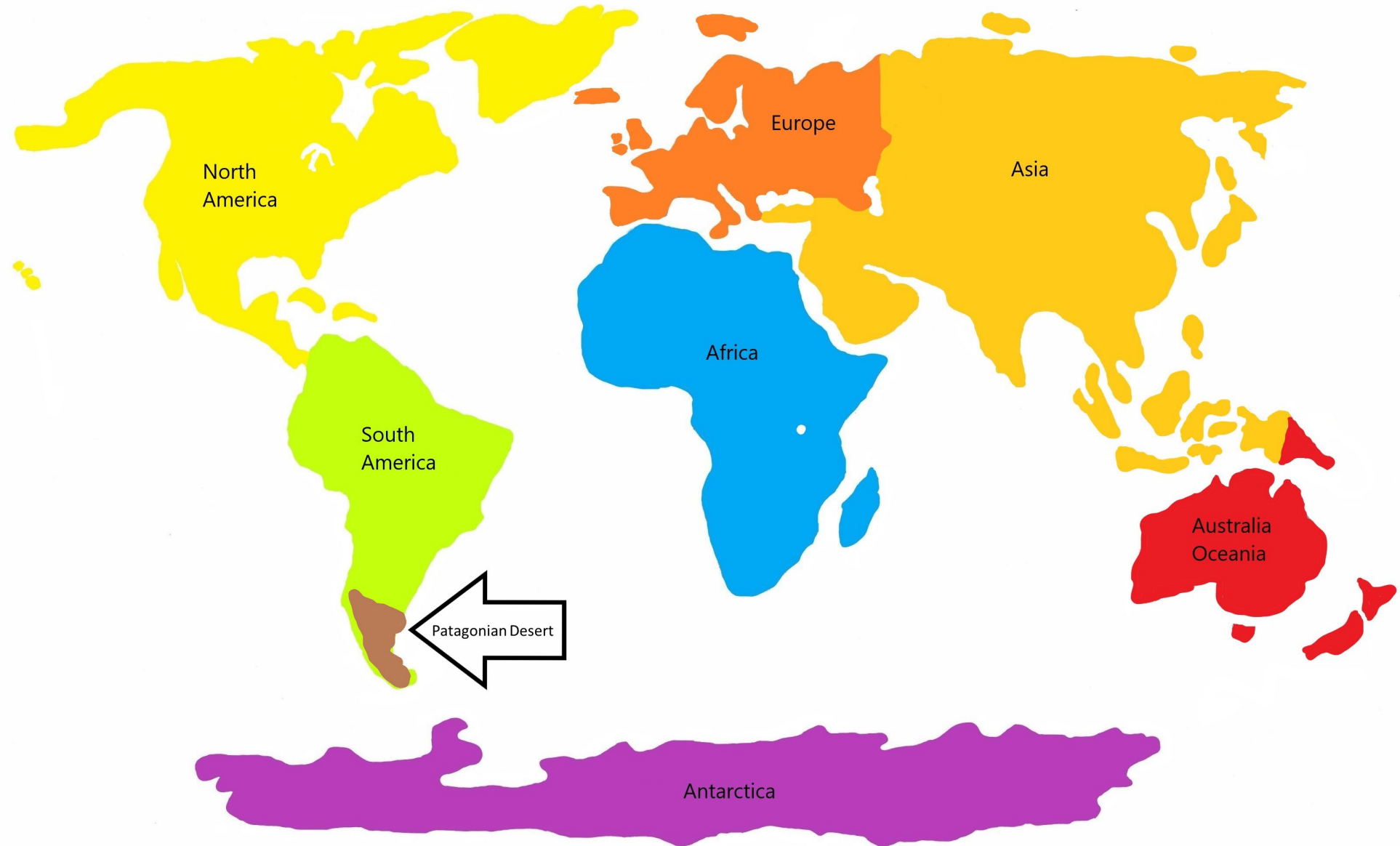


Camel



Where is Patagonia?

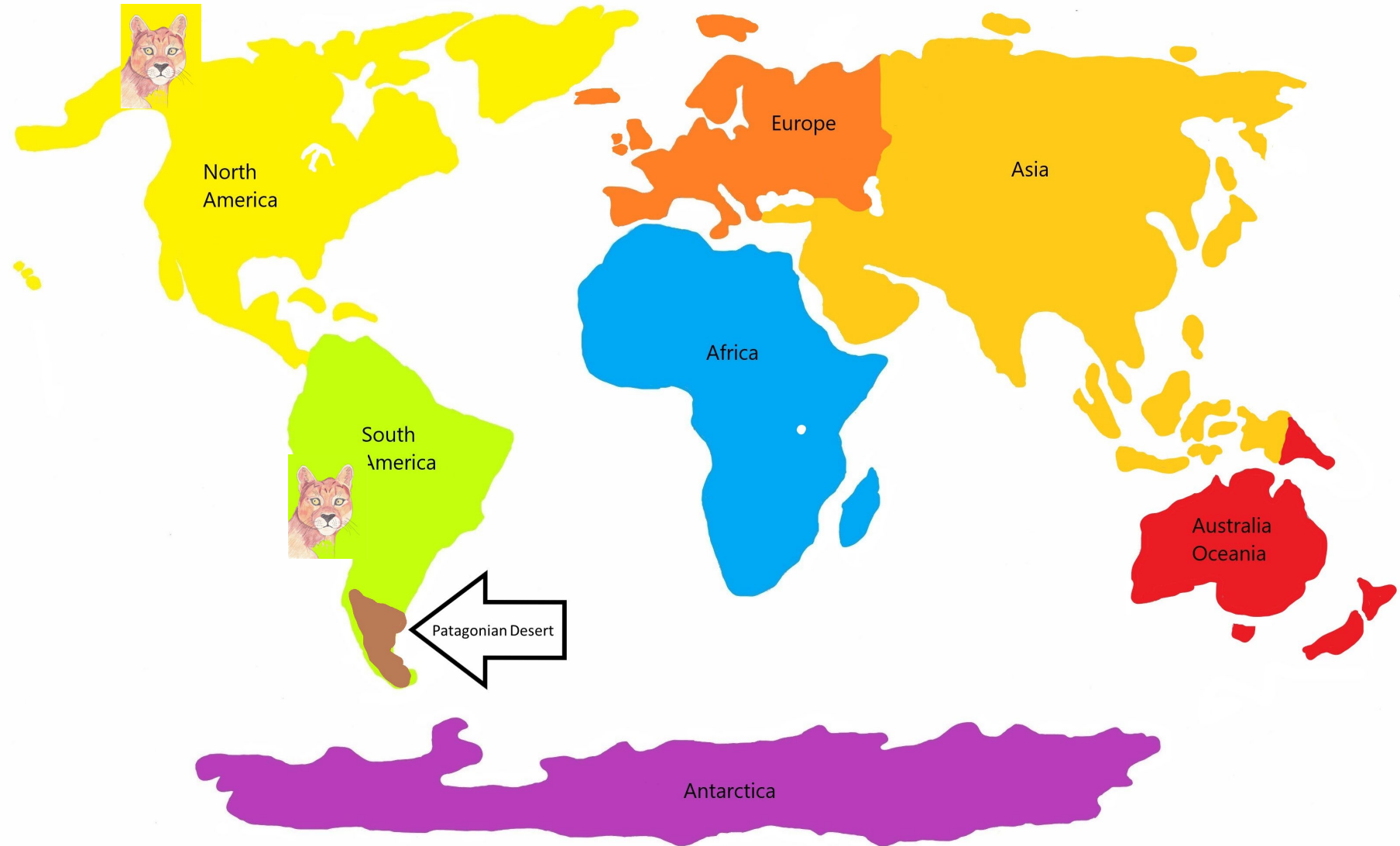
The Patagonian Desert is a mix of desert and semidesert, the area extends from the Andes to the Atlantic Ocean. It is located at the southern end of South America and is in the countries of Chile and Argentina.⁸



Where do pumas live?

Pumas are widely distributed “throughout South and North America where it inhabits rocky crags and pastures slightly lower down than the slopes than the grazing herbivores. Although these seem to be the Puma’s preferred conditions they are extremely adaptable animals that can be found in a variety of habitats including forests, tropical jungle, grasslands and even in more arid desert regions.⁹

They can be found from Yukon in Canada (close to Alaska) to the southern tip of South America.



How did Ingo Arndt get this project done?

Ingo realized that photographing the pumas would be a great story. He decided to return to Patagonia “as soon as possible to shoot the first photo story on pumas in the wild.”¹⁰

Let's see what happened ...



Between 2016 and 2018 Ingo “spent a total seven months with the pumas of Patagonia. My wife, Silke, accompanied me on many of my journeys.”¹¹

Ingo wrote “For my project, I hired the best puma trackers in the area. We needed a cook, had to equip a hut as a base camp ...”¹²



Ingo “endured freezing temperatures and blistering winds over a period of seven months between 2016 and 2018 to follow his favorite animal across the wild lands of Patagonia.”¹⁴



On some days we had to walk up to 20 kilometers (12 miles) through rough terrain with heavy photo equipment or wait many hours in extreme wind conditions and freezing temperatures until something happened in view of my camera.¹⁶





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To make sure that our team could get from base camp to the puma habitat and remain as flexible as possible, we had to use two off-road vehicles.²⁰

Every morning we set off long before sunrise to find the pumas.²¹



Ingo took photos at night, too.

How many pumas are in this photo?



Ingo wrote, “During the many months I’ve been watching the pumas, they got used to my presence. This allowed me to accompany two females all the time while raising their cubs.”²⁴





During one of the winters, it was so cold for days that we had barely enough firewood to heat our little hut, and although we were tucked into our thick down sleeping bags wearing winter clothes, we woke up from the cold in the middle of the night, unable to continue sleeping. These low temperatures also froze all the water in the pipes, and we only just managed to thaw enough water for cooking and drinking – a hot shower was unimaginable.²⁷





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With Ingo's
"experienced team
and the strong belief
in being able to
realize this unique
photo story, his dream
became reality."³³

Ingo published the
puma story as a book.

To learn more:

The illustrated book PumaLand showcase this unique photo project. The best of the pictures are put together here. Informative text relate the adventures, eye to eye with the wild pumas of Patagonia, and of the hardship involved in creating this photographic work. The book is published by the prestigious publisher Knesebeck and produced in the best print quality.

PumaLand

German Edition 2019

Ingo Arndt

192 pages, 208 color photographs

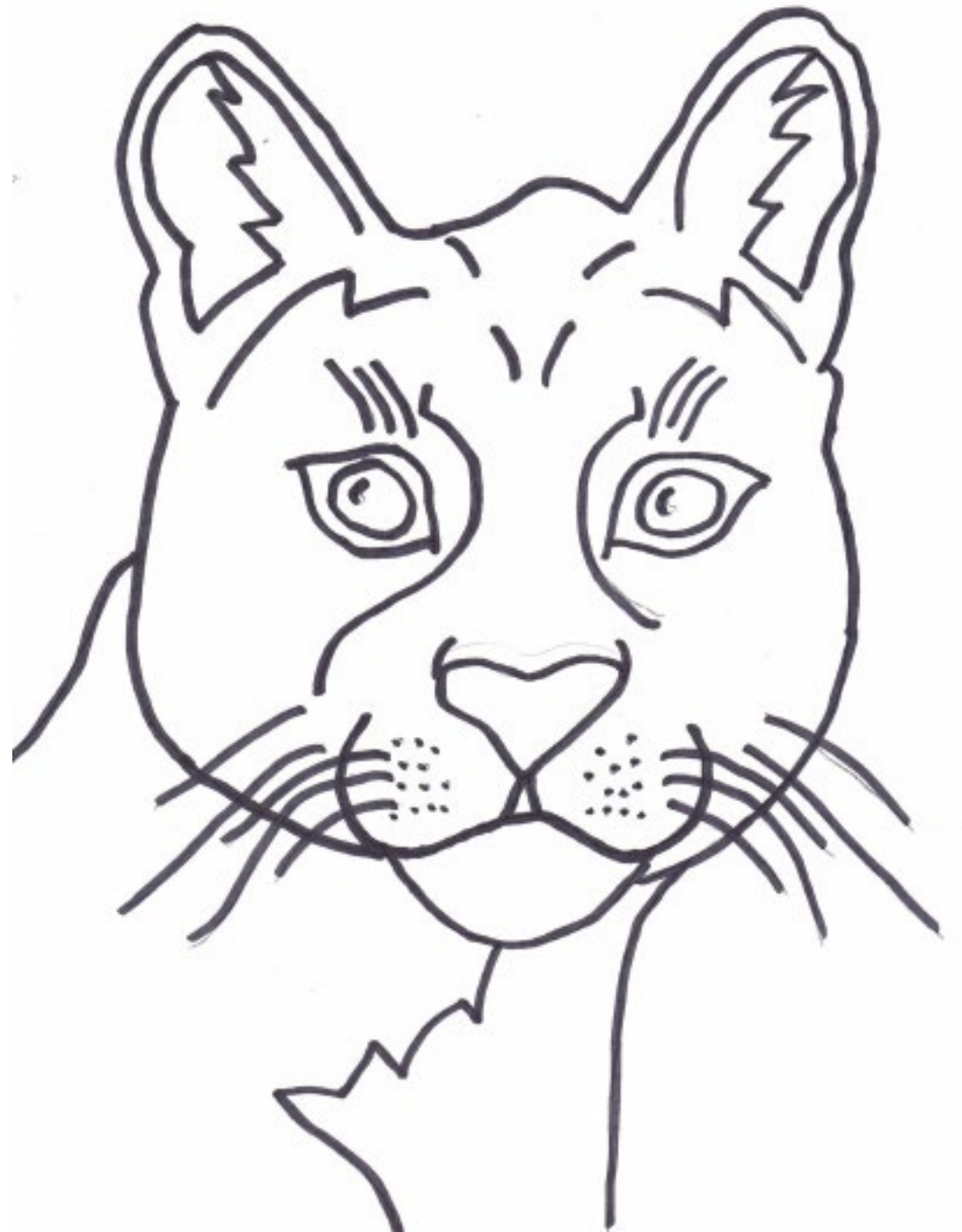
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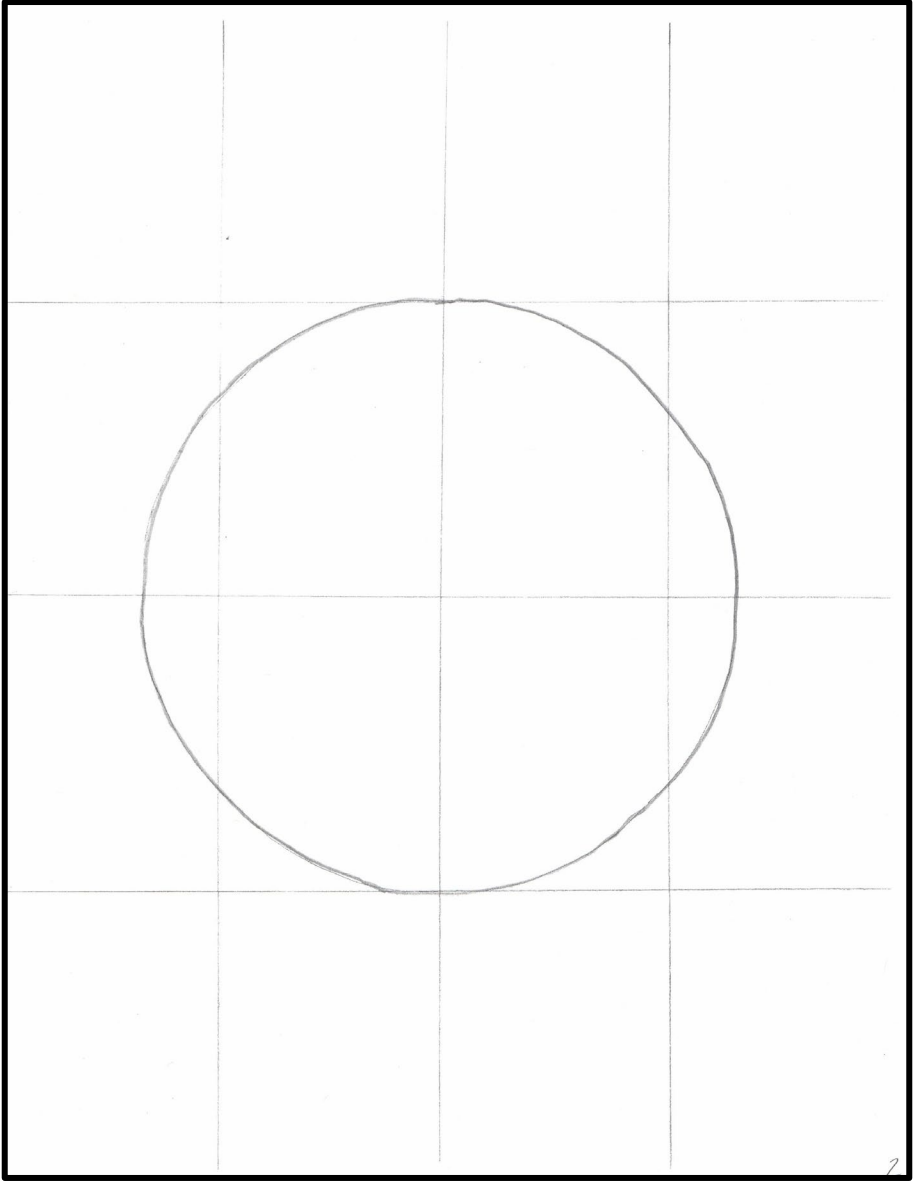
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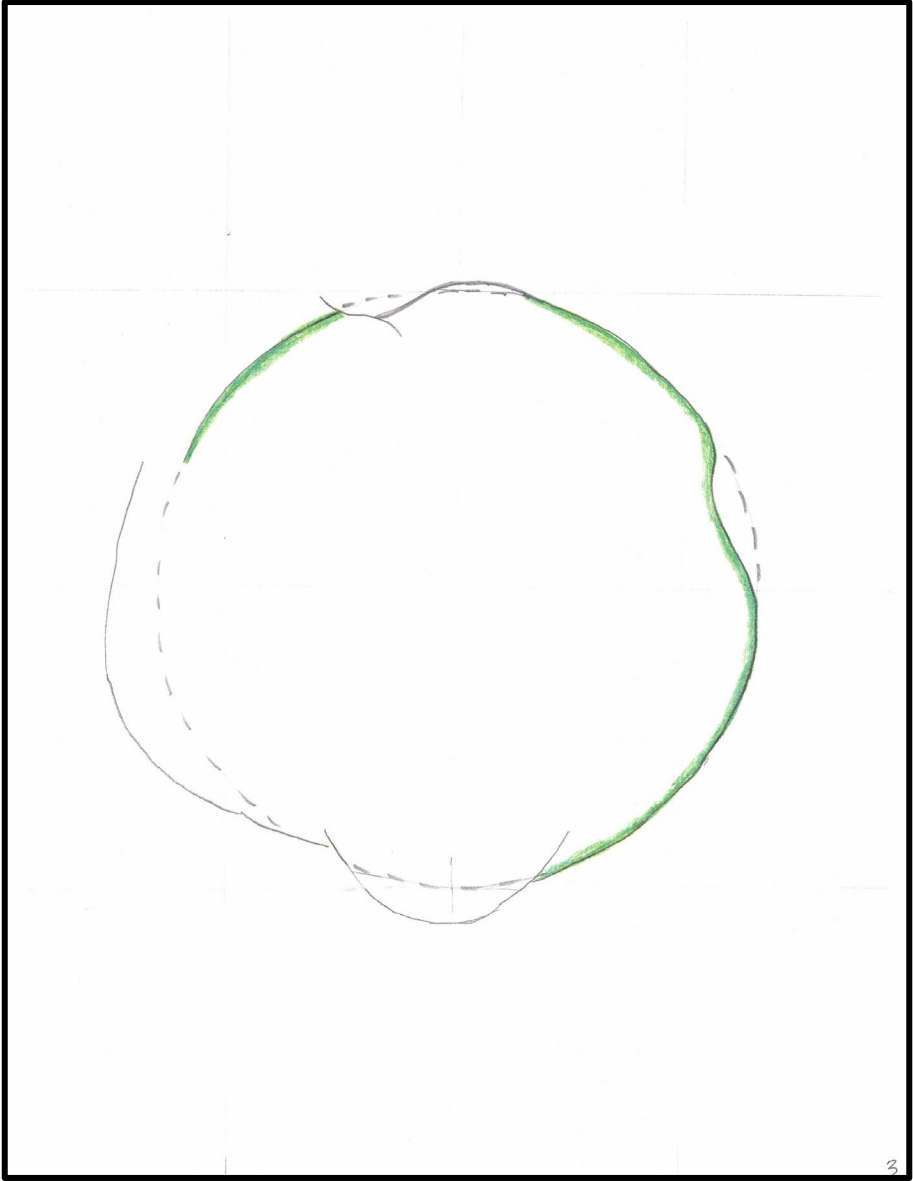
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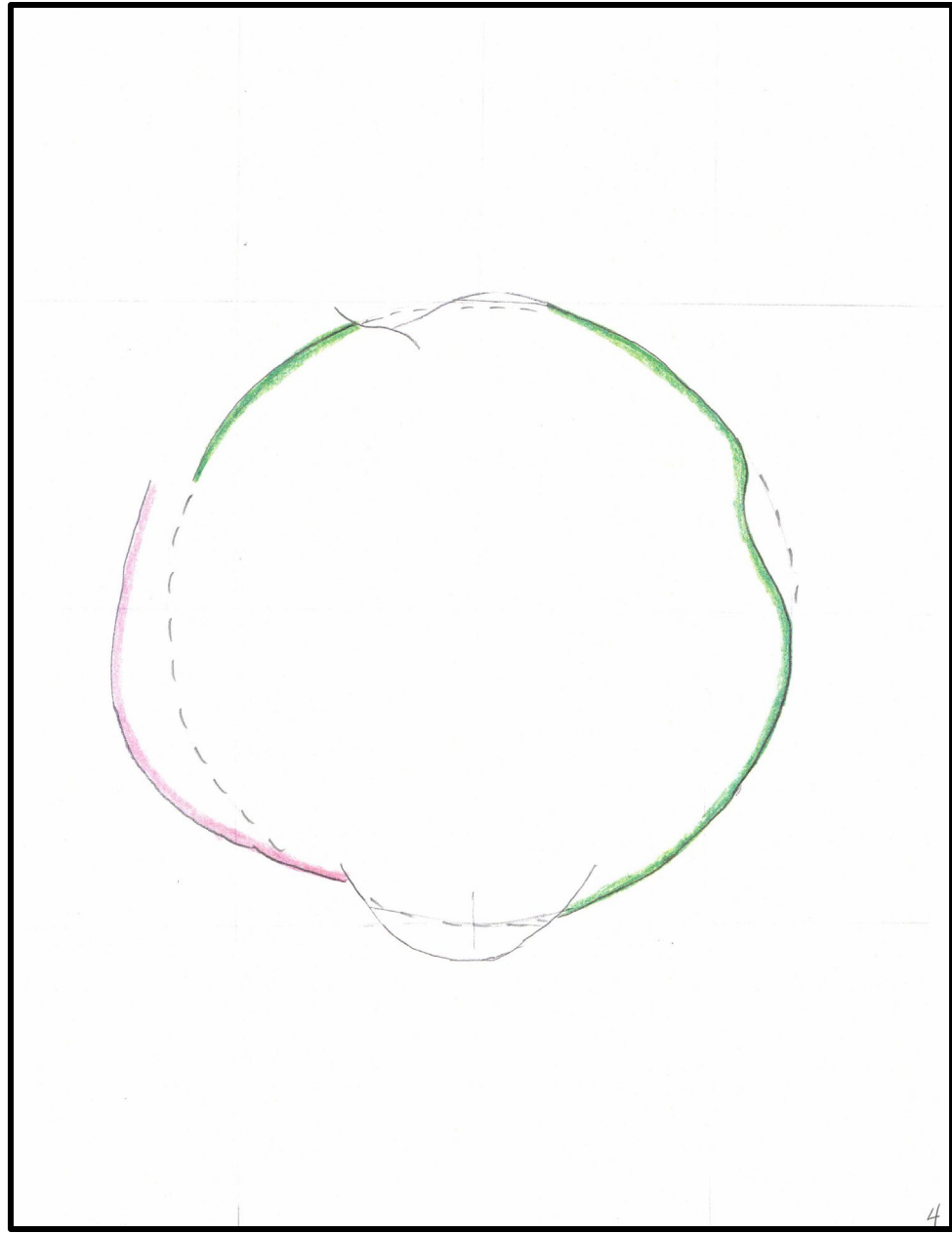


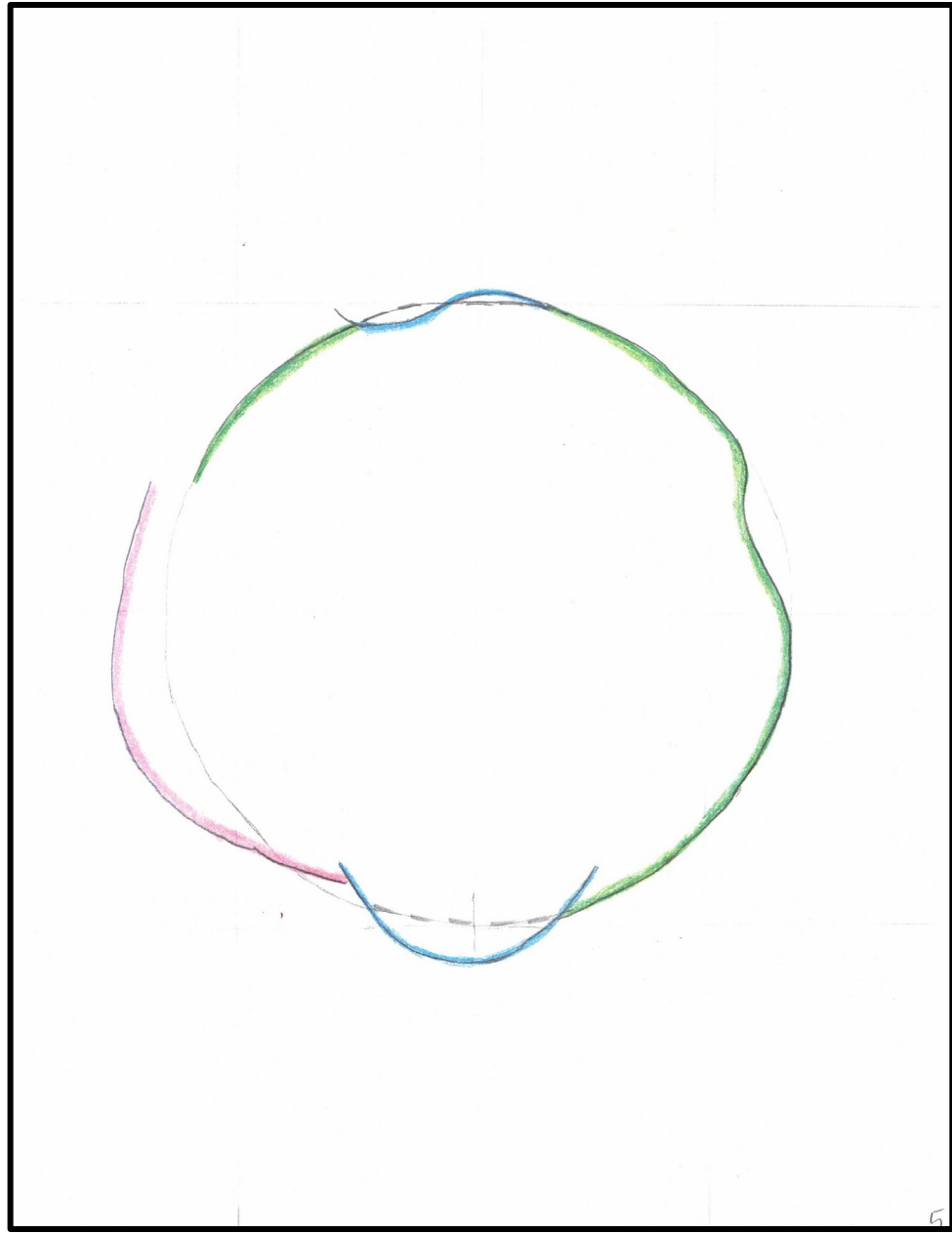
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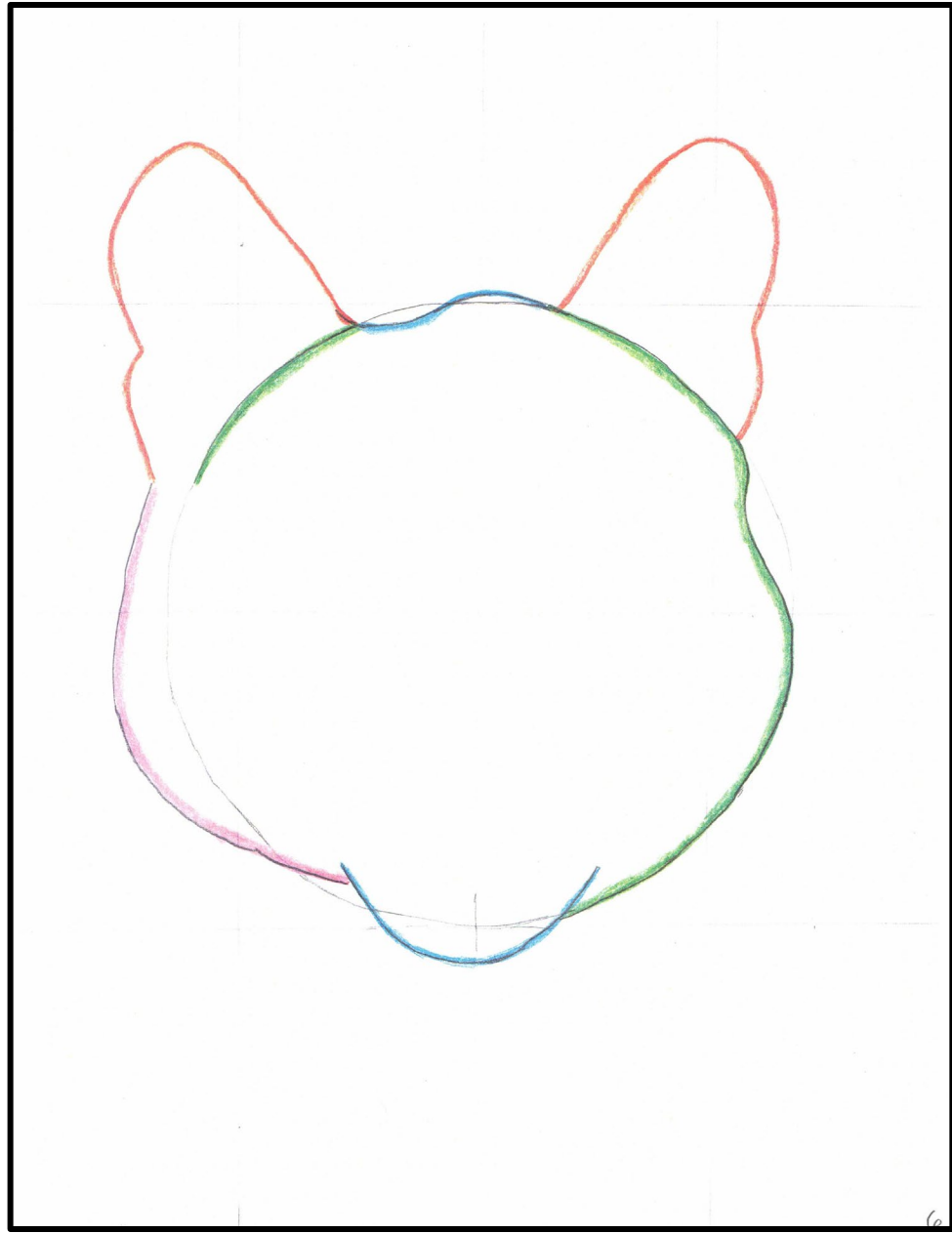


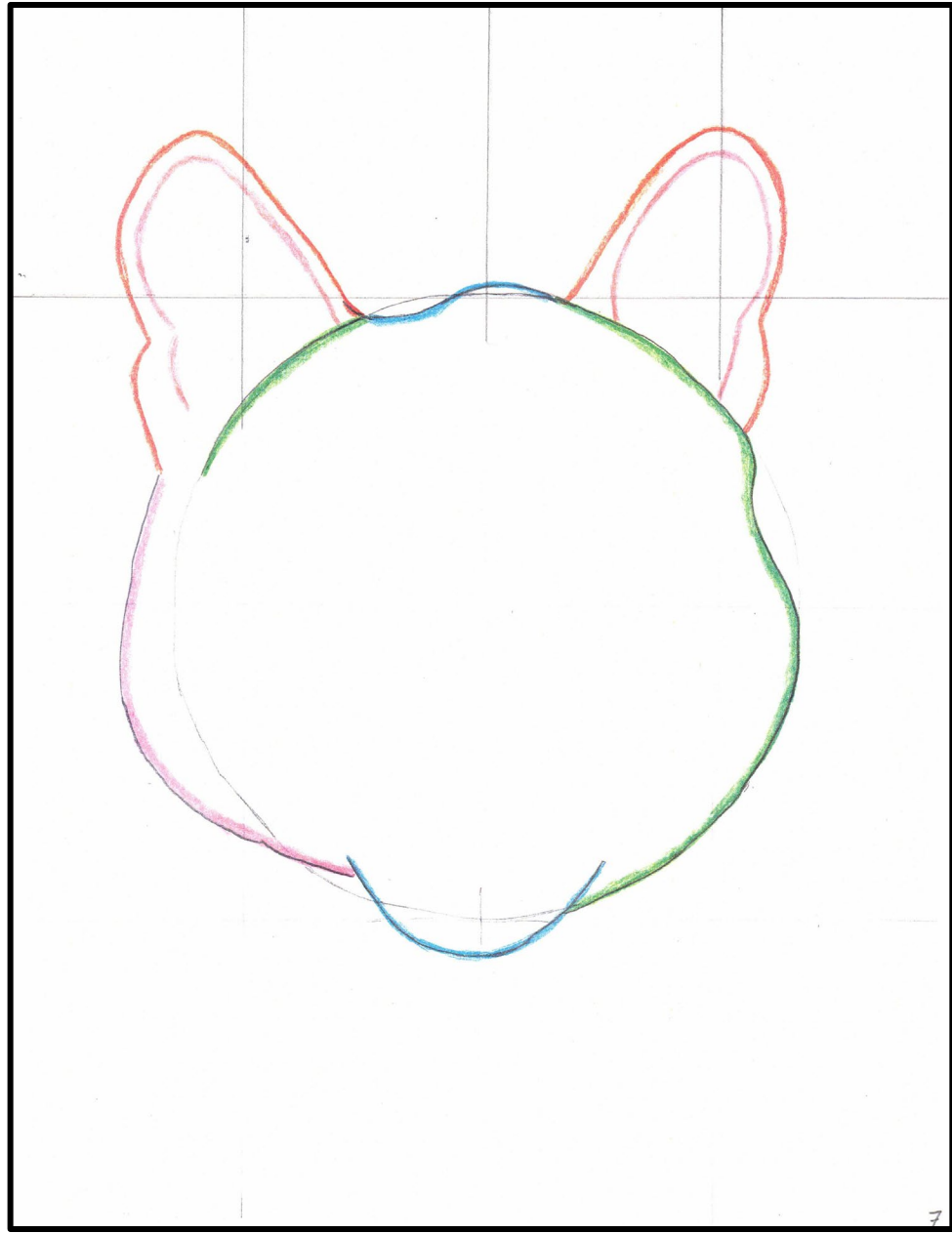


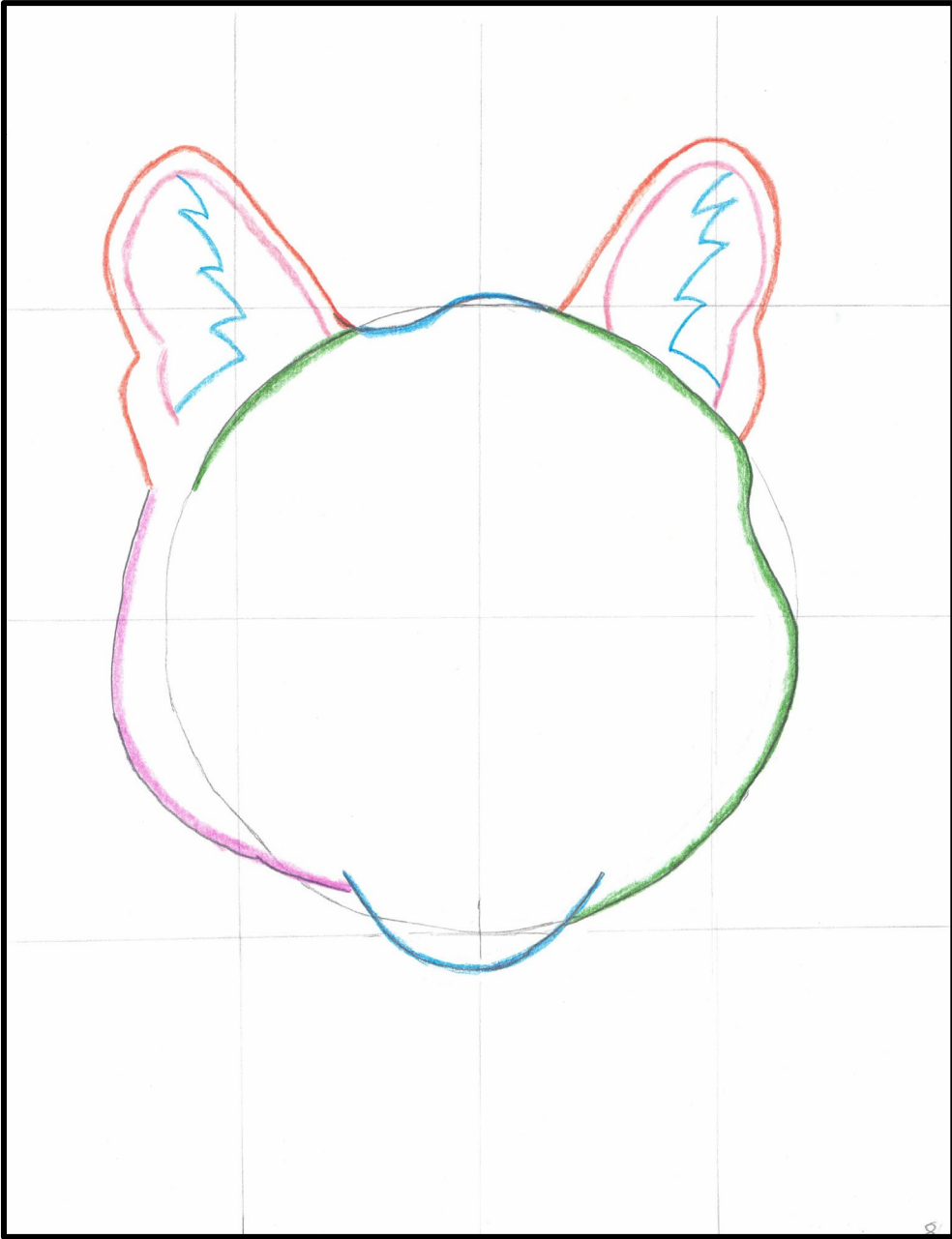


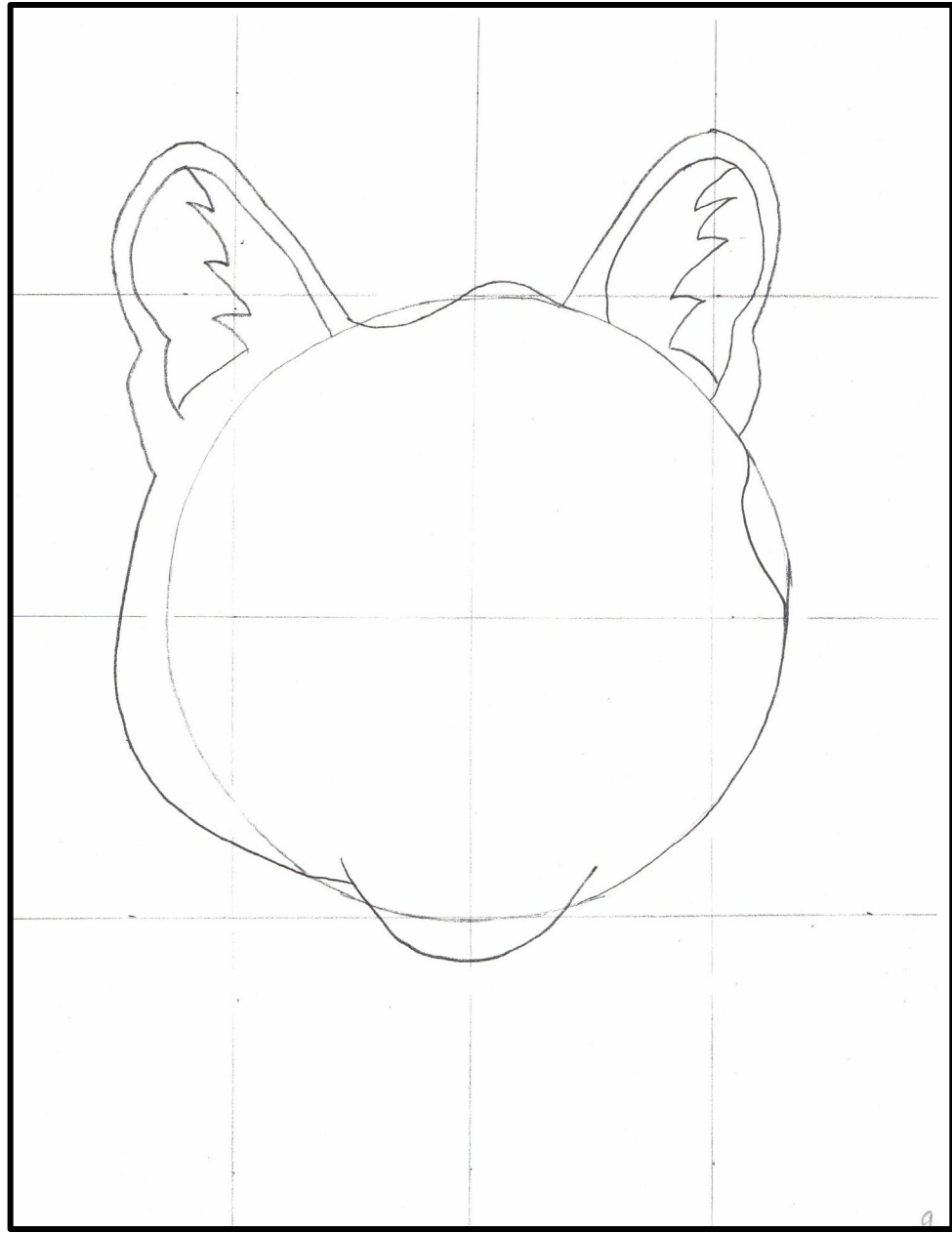


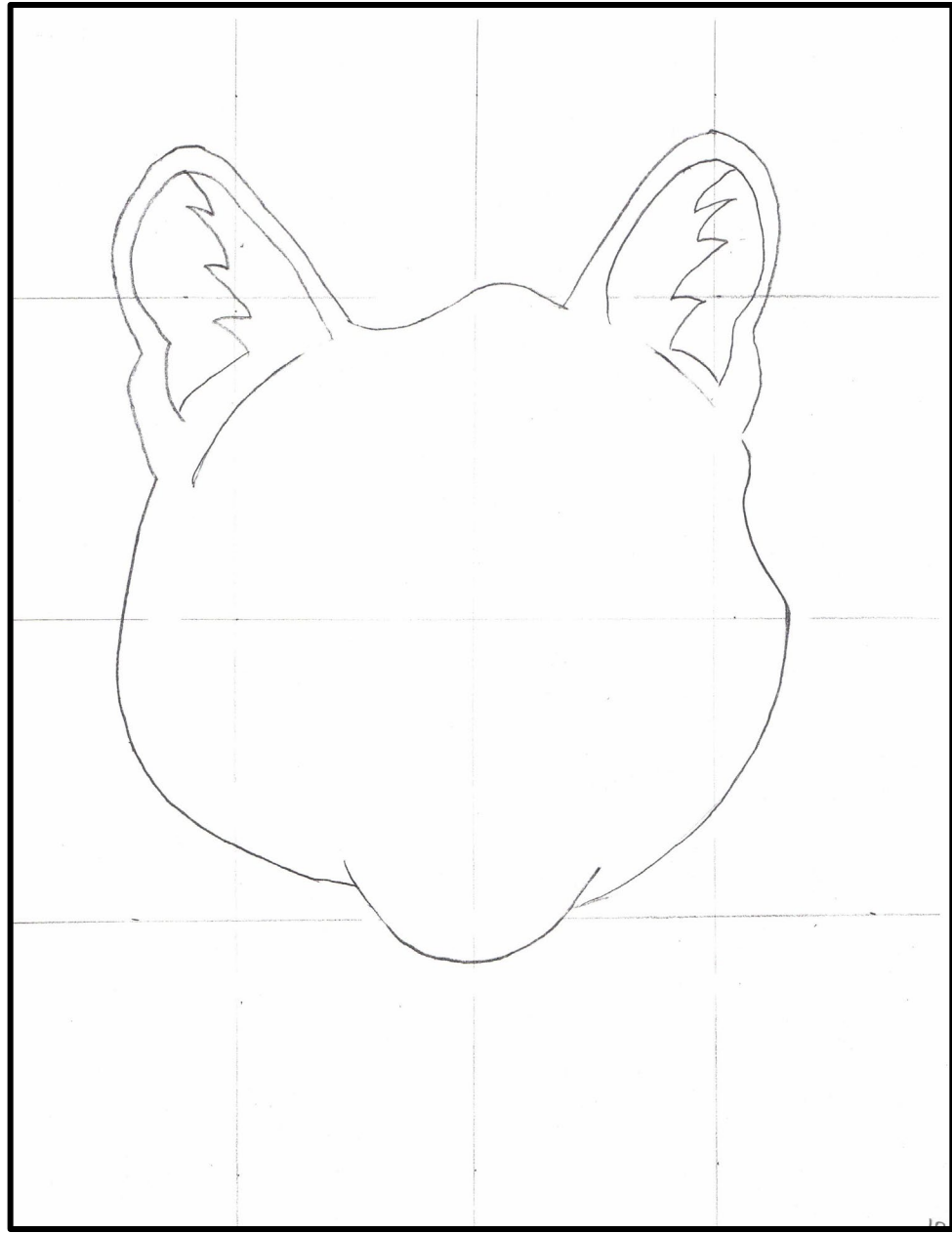


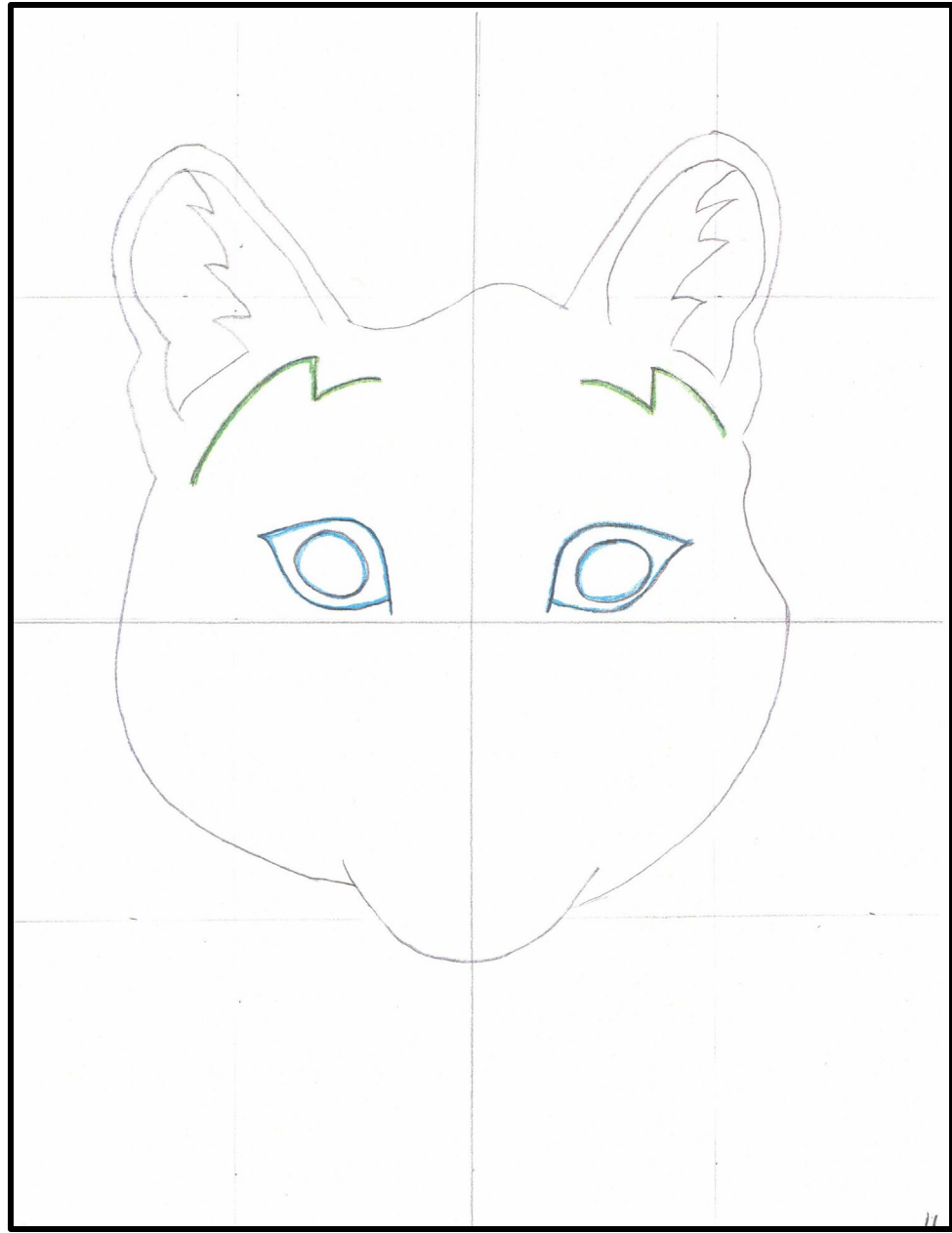


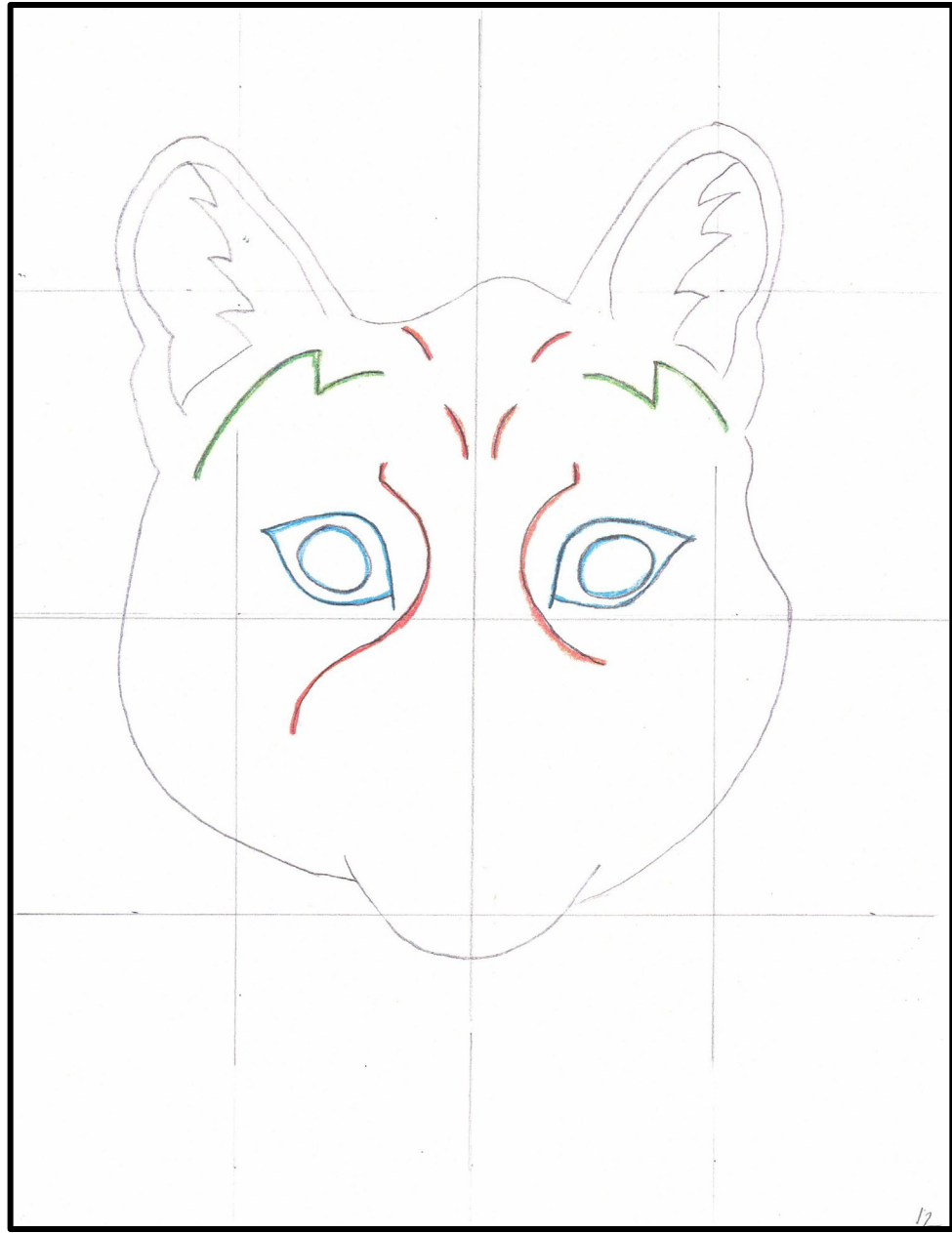


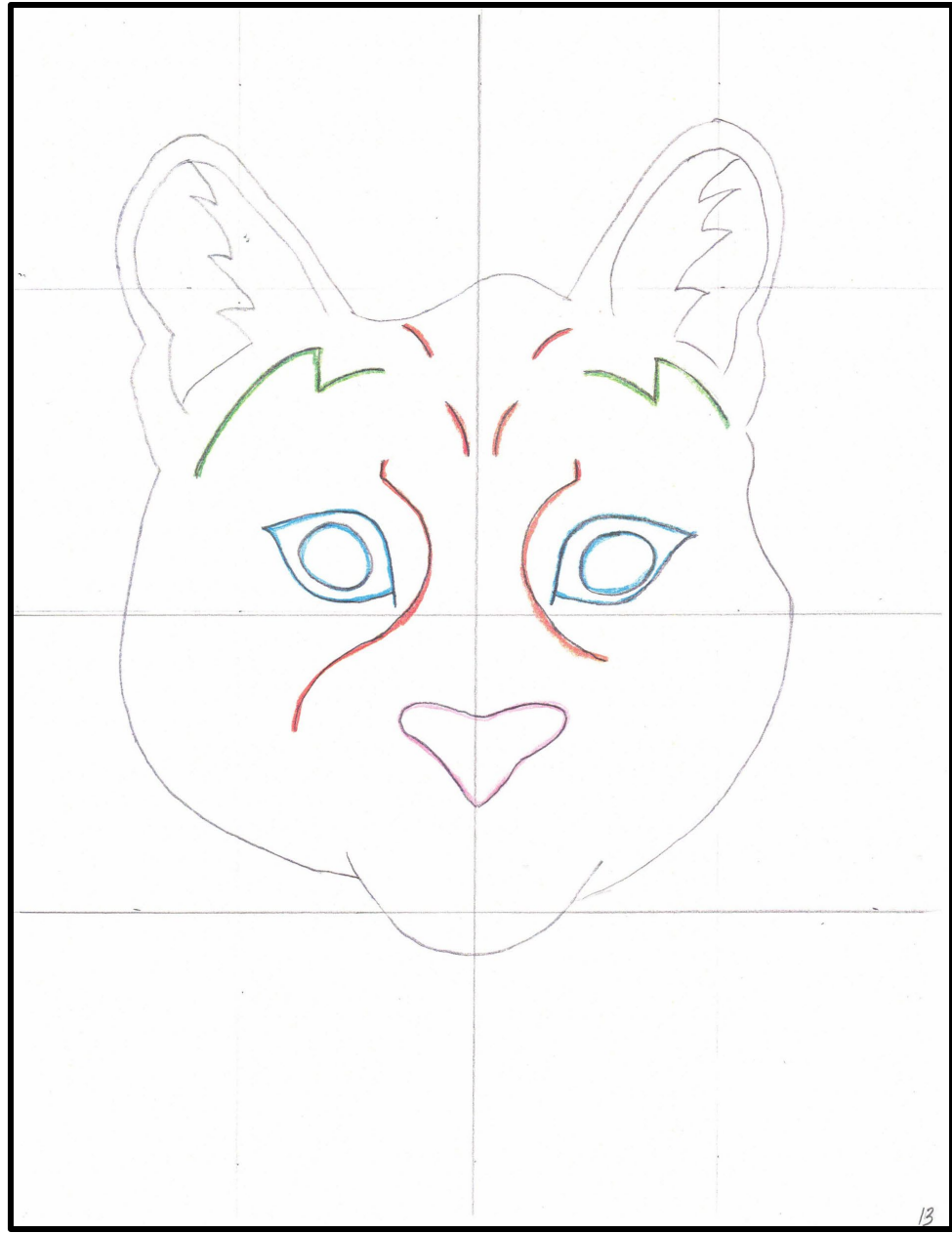


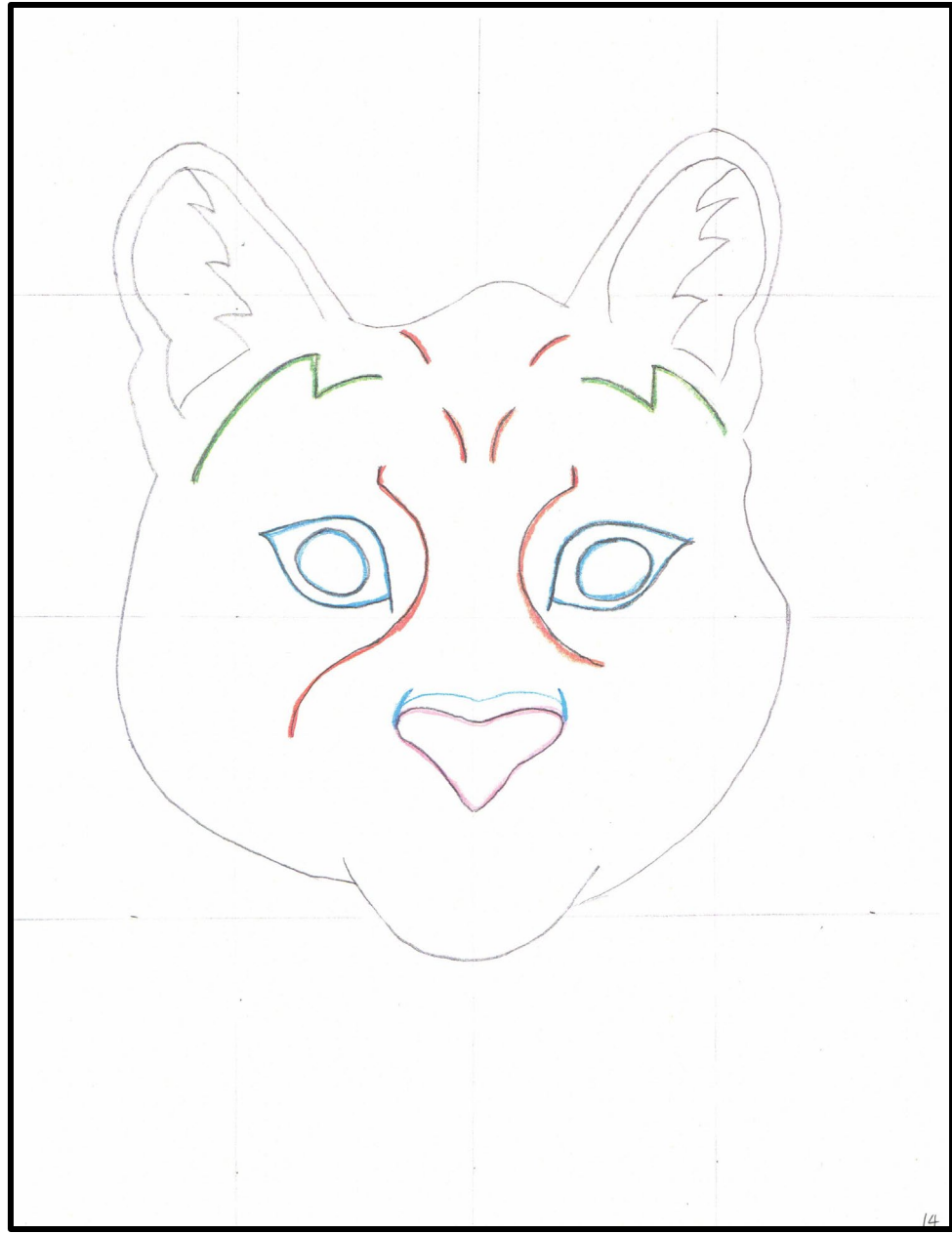


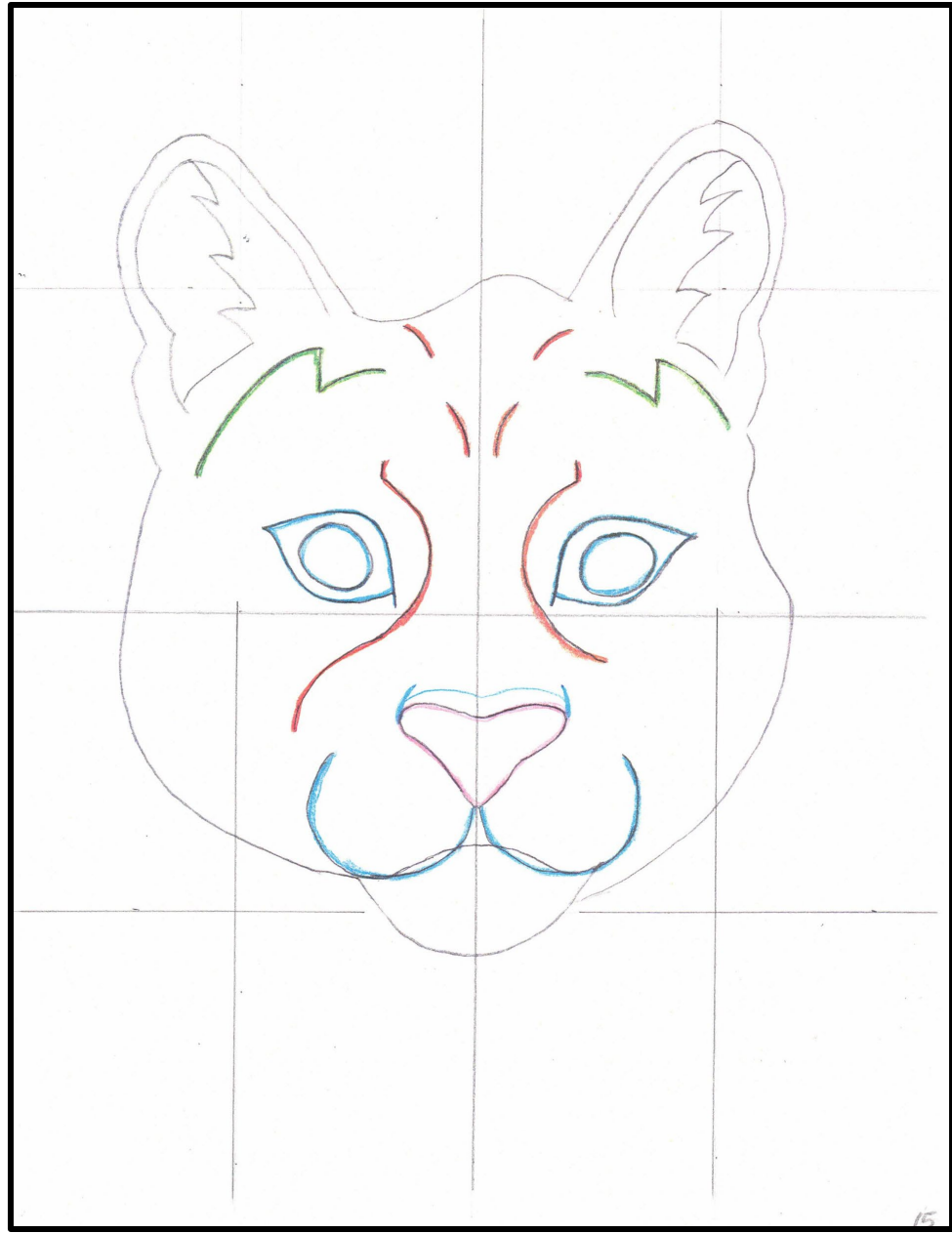


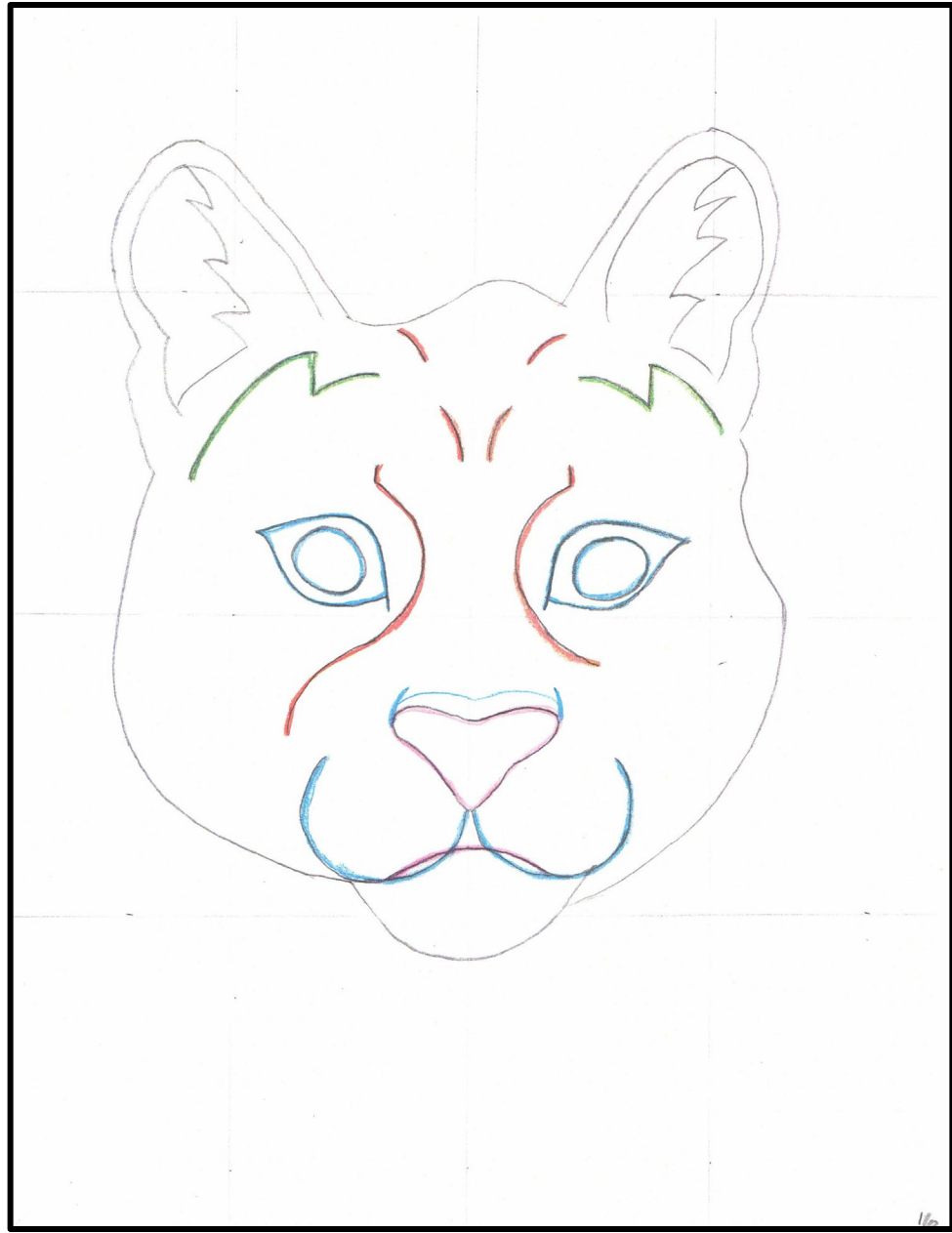


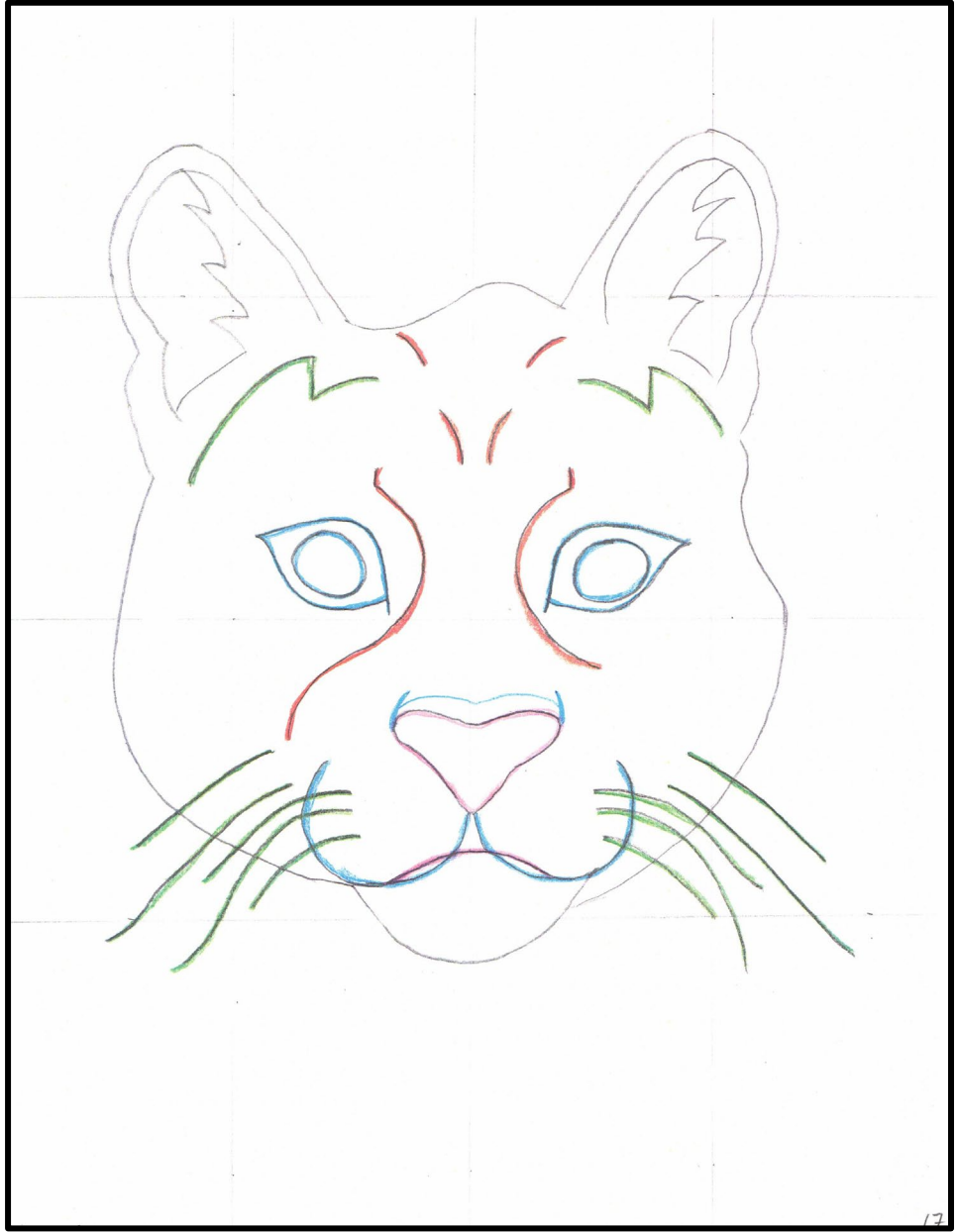


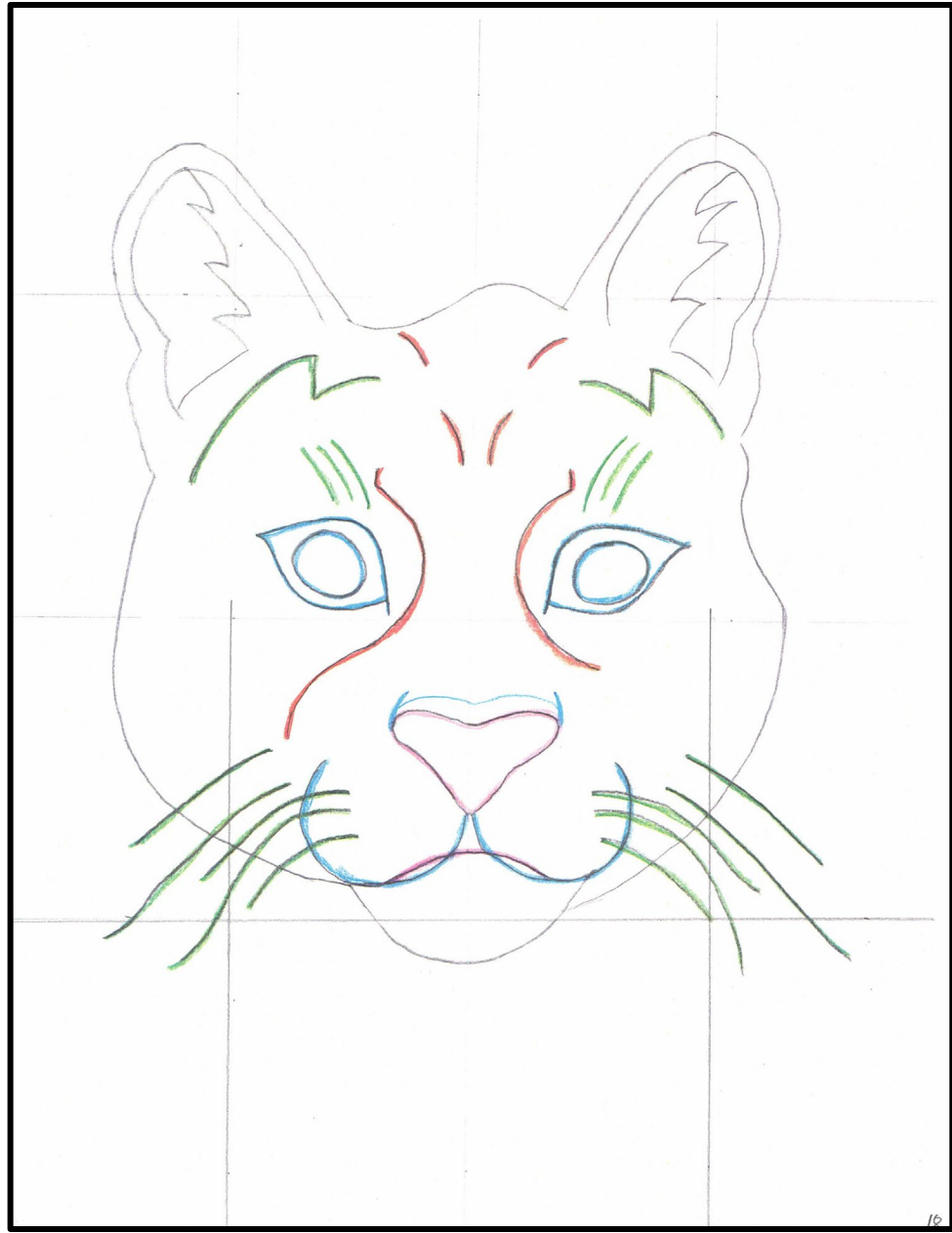




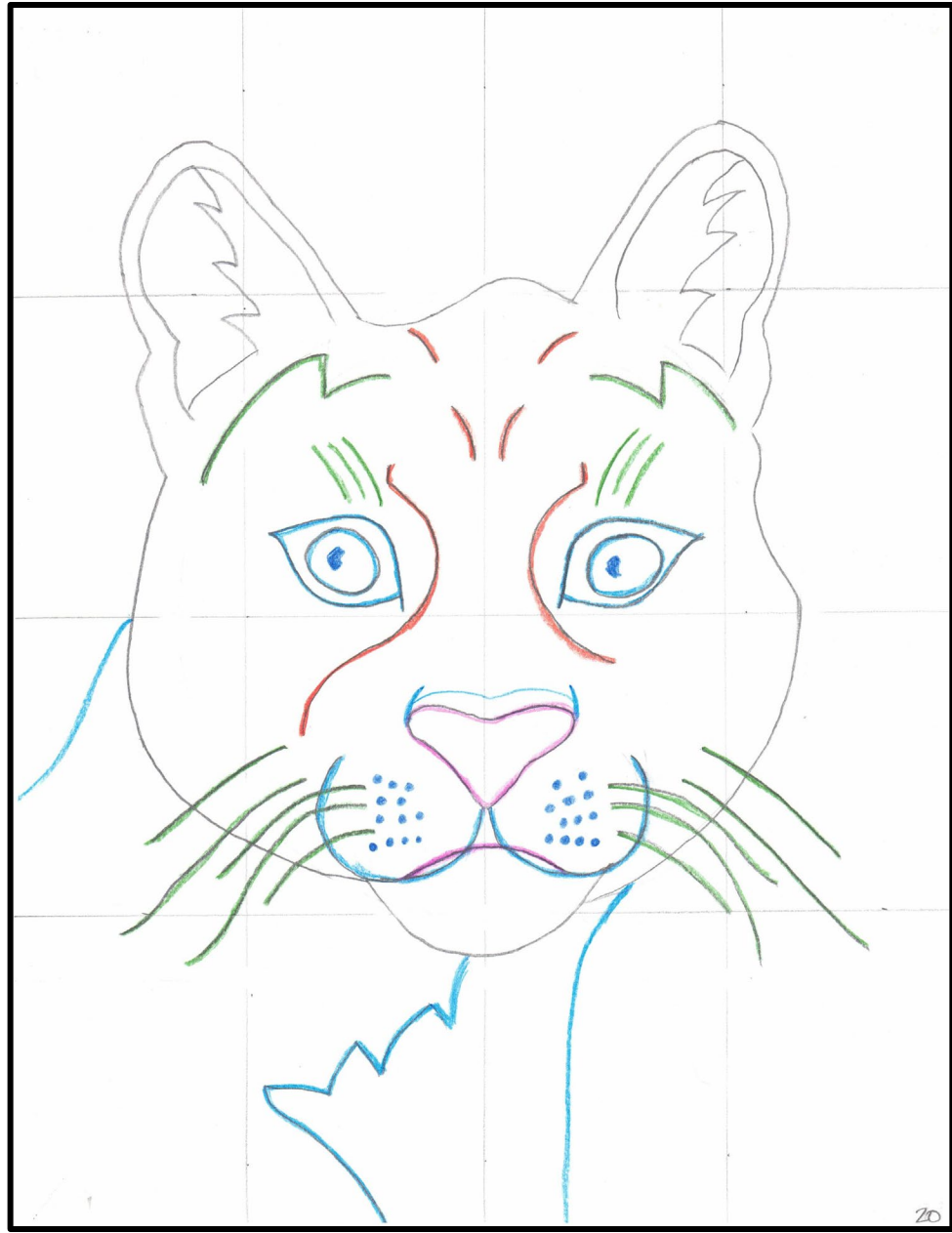


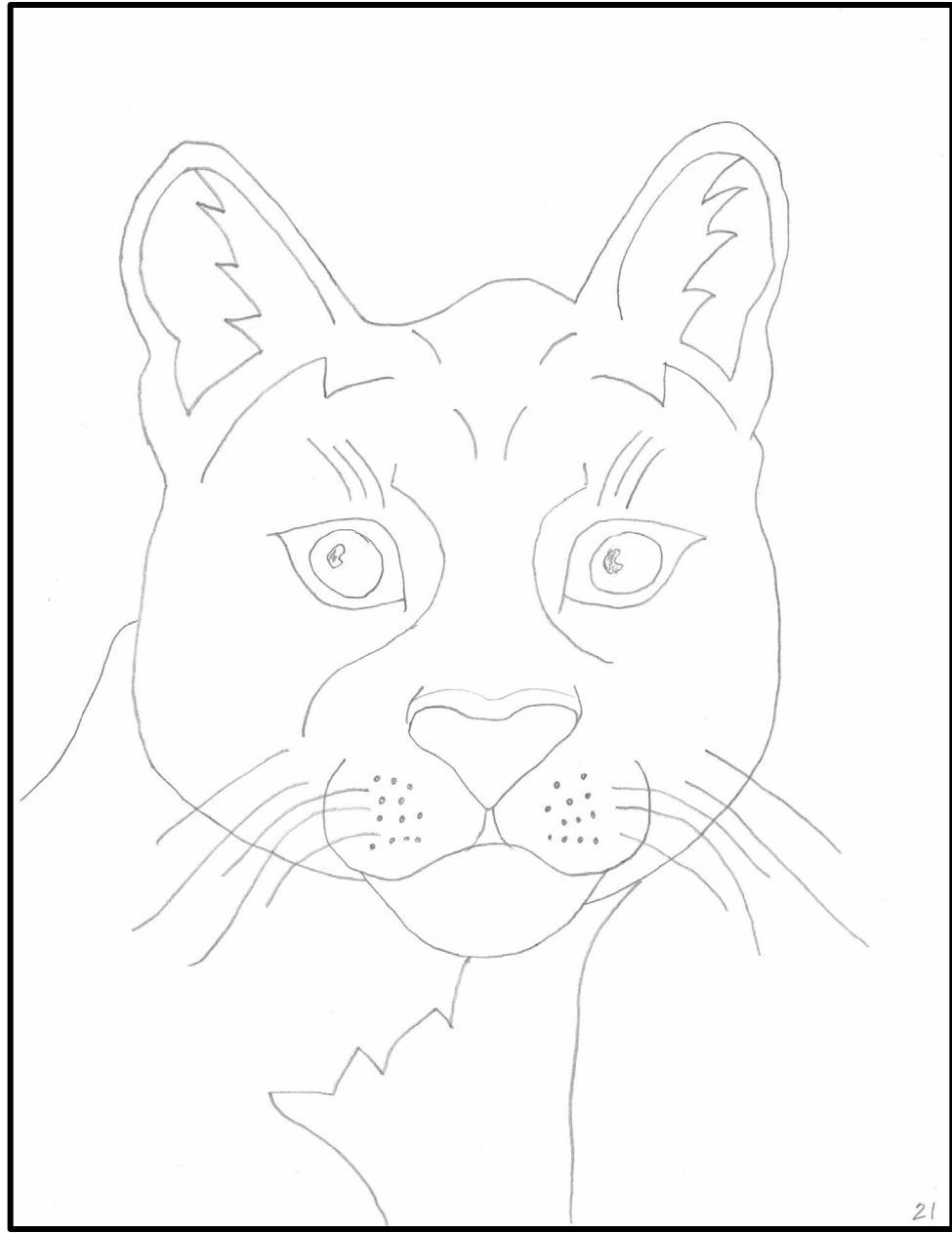


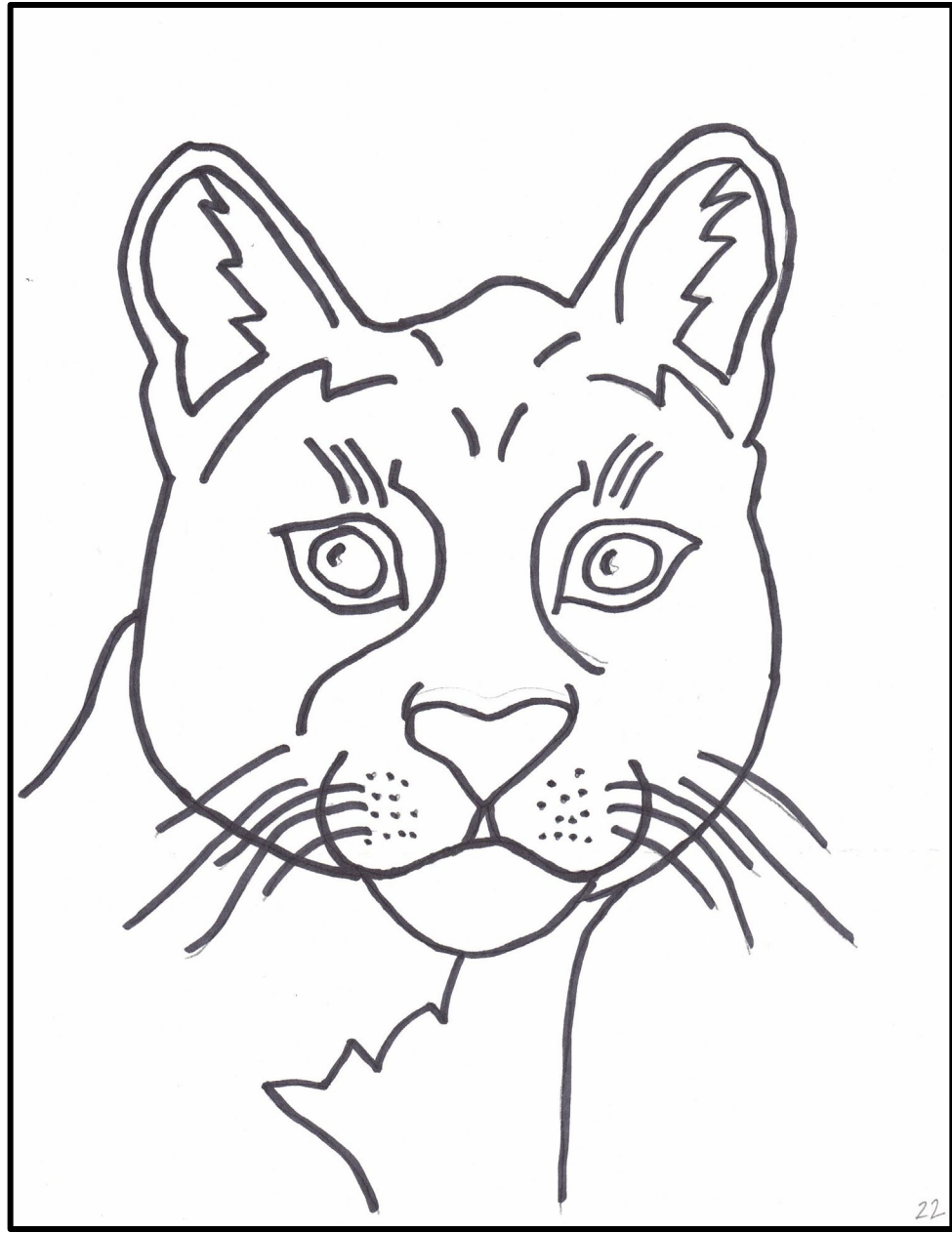


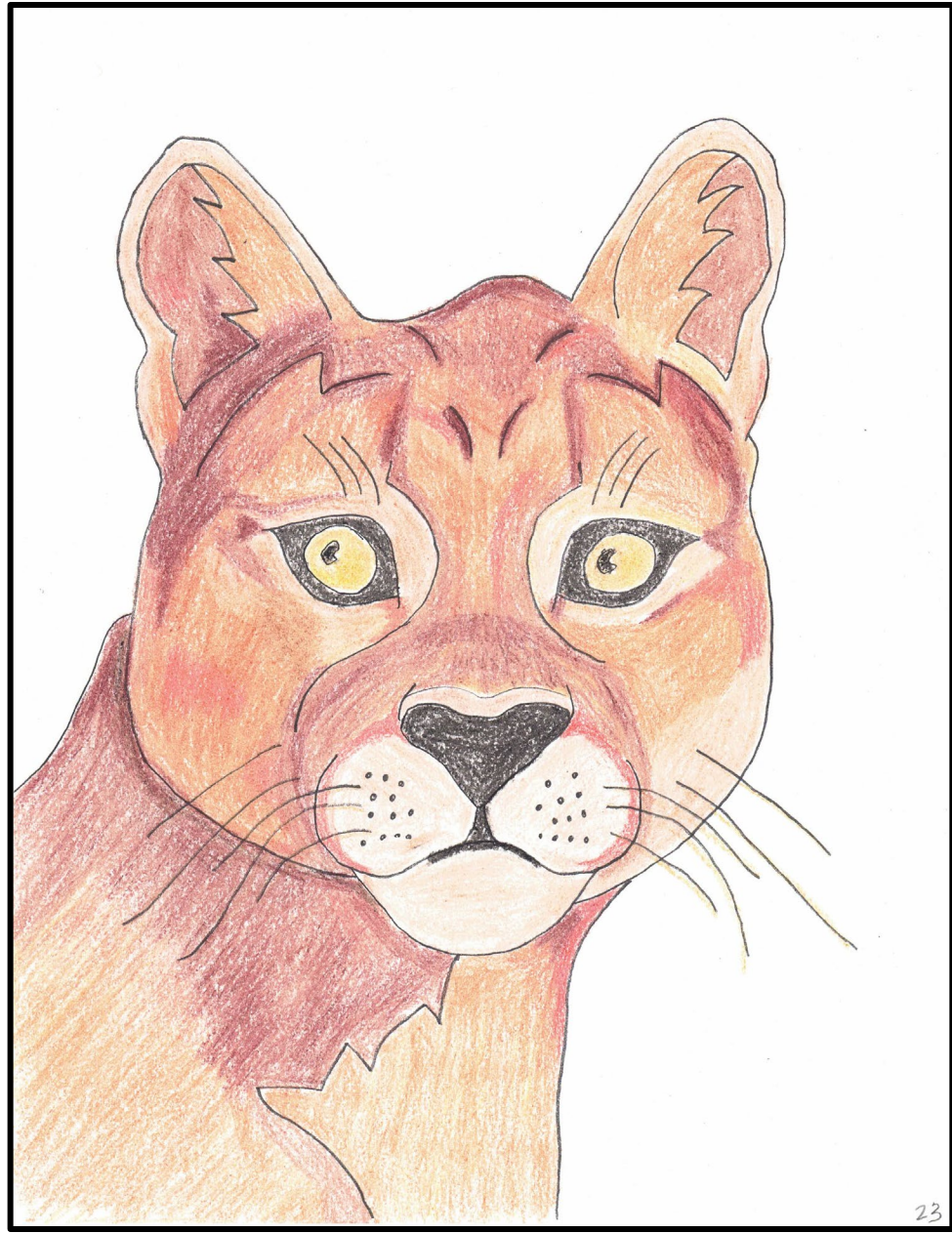












Let's see your work!

Let's take turns holding up our drawings so we can all see!

Hold it up to the camera.

Messages from the photographer

From: Ingo Arndt
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Spencer, Roberta L <rspencer@albany.edu>
Subject: Re: Home school project - National Geographic article on wild honeybees

Dear Roberta,

nice to hear from you again! Sorry for my late response. I'm very busy and on assignment in Madeira/Portugal at the moment. Difficult to enjoy the time here when war breaks out in Europe at the same time... Crazy world!

It sounds like a very nice new project you have, the PDF looks great! Yes, please feel free to use my pictures for your work. As you know, I normally don't give pictures out "for free" but for you I'm happy to make an exception... I love the idea to help you a little bit with my pictures teaching children :-)

Sorry, i'm in a rush again... It would be great if you can keep me up to date with your projects. And please let me know if I can help.

All the best,
Ingo

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