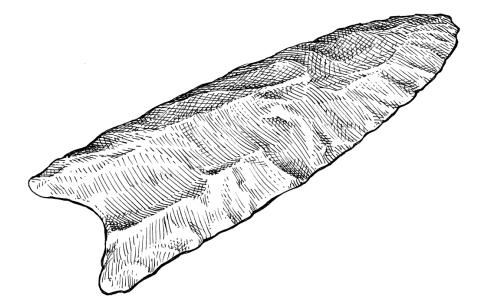
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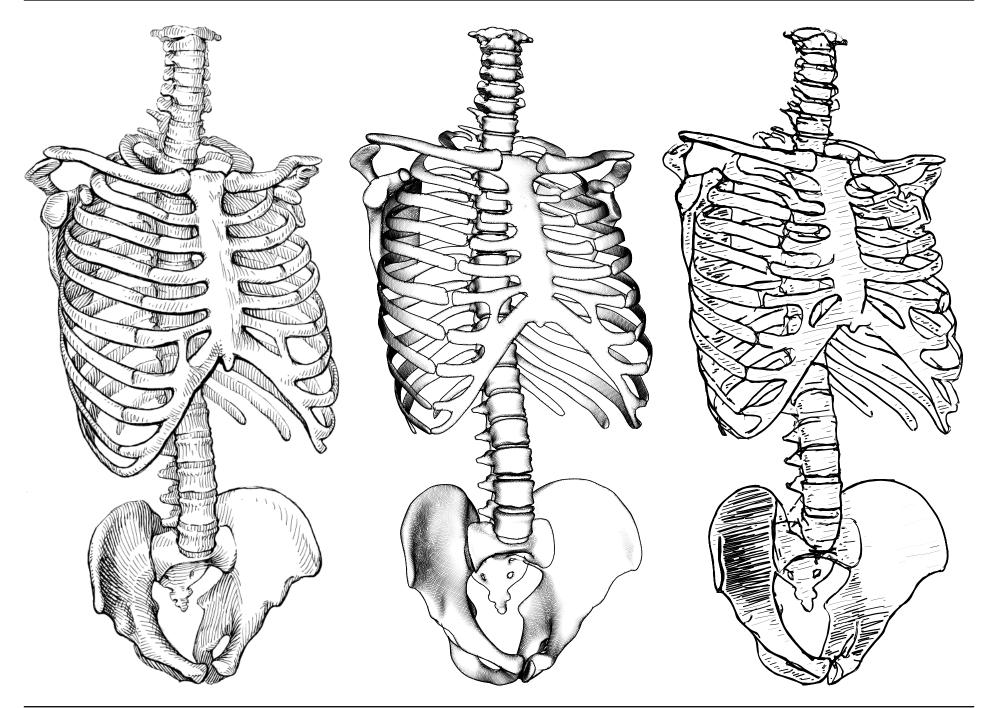


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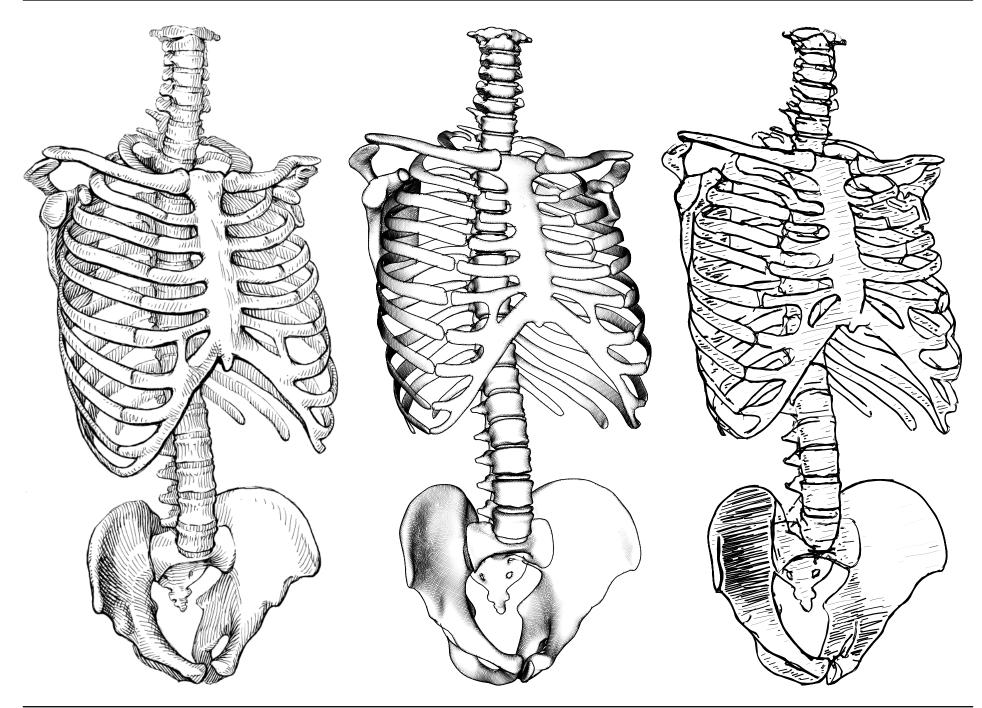
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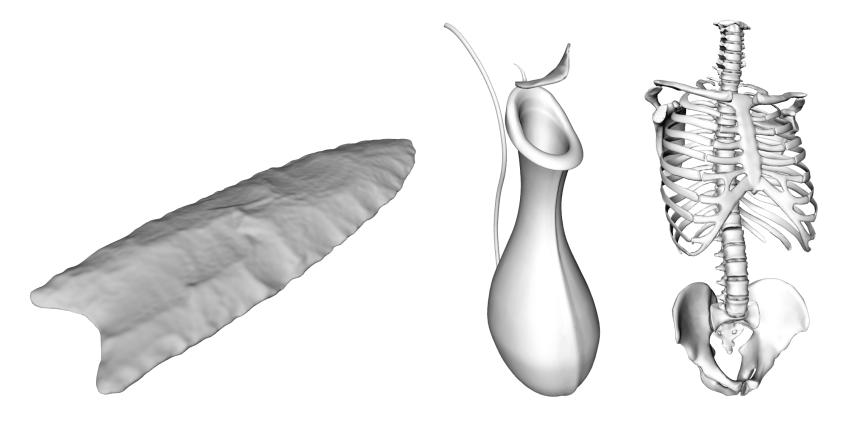






Study Setup: Images

• 30 images of 3 "models" generated: archaeological, botanical, and medical model



• 5 professional illustrators and 5 NPR algorithms

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Study Setup: Procedure

- about 1 hour or less for each session
- three stages
 - unconstrained pile-sorting: grouping objects, free choice of criteria
 - semi-structured interview: discussion of the piles and predefined questions
 - post-session questionnaire: demographics and previous experiences

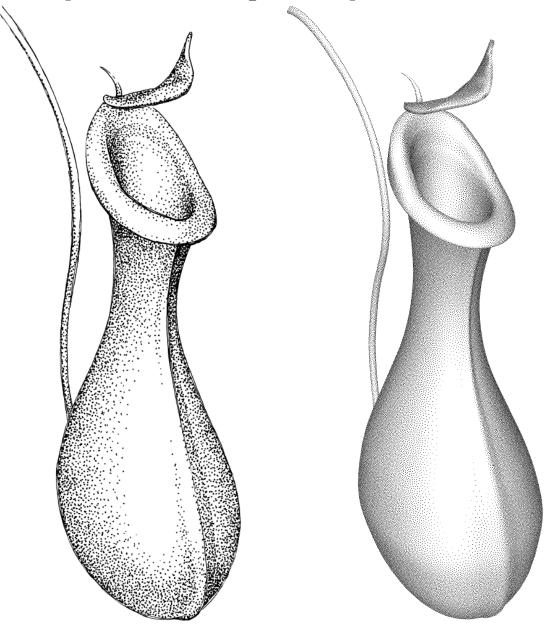


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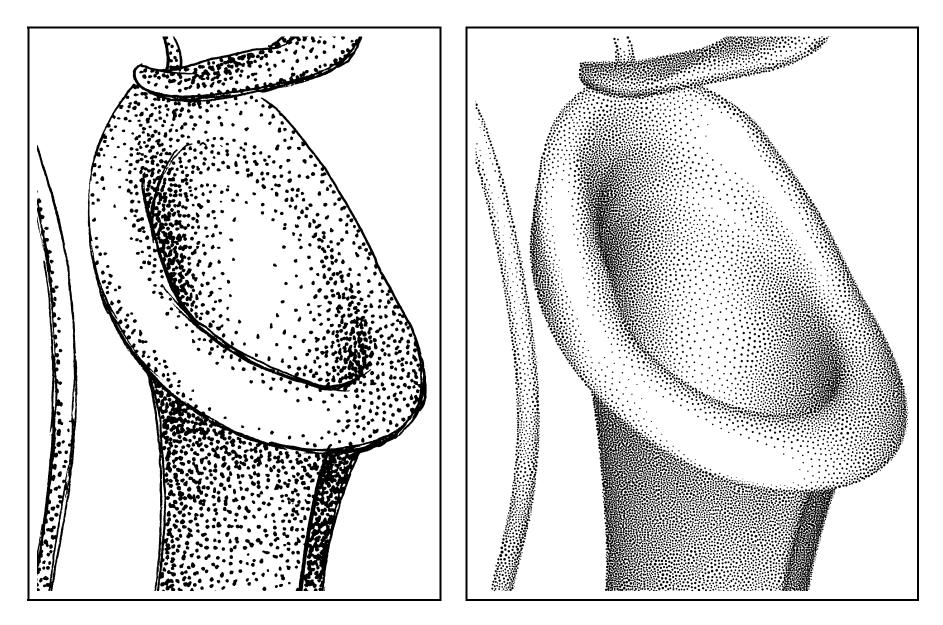


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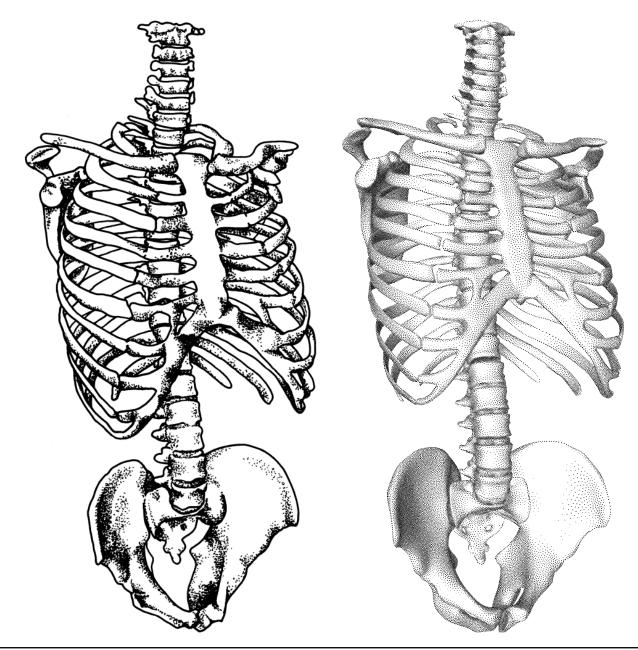




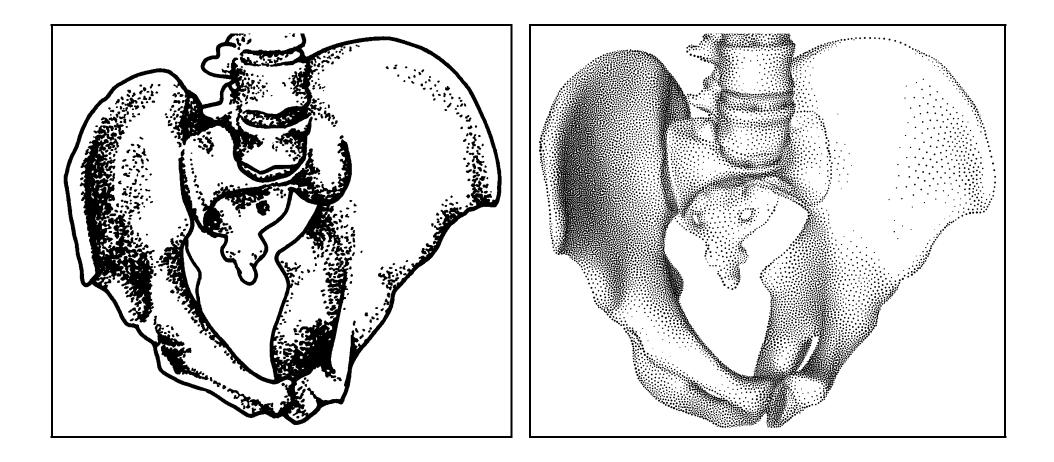
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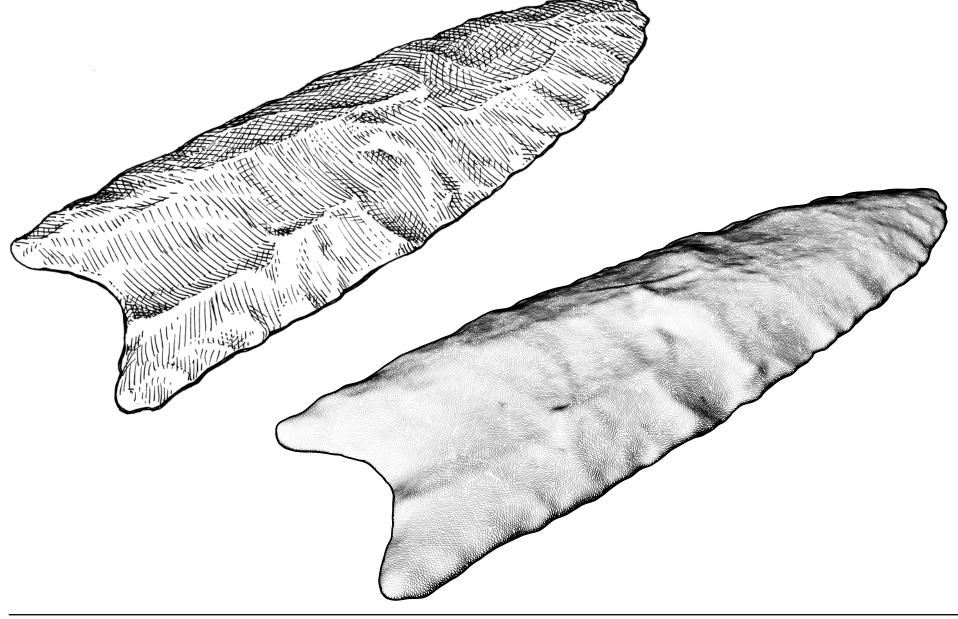
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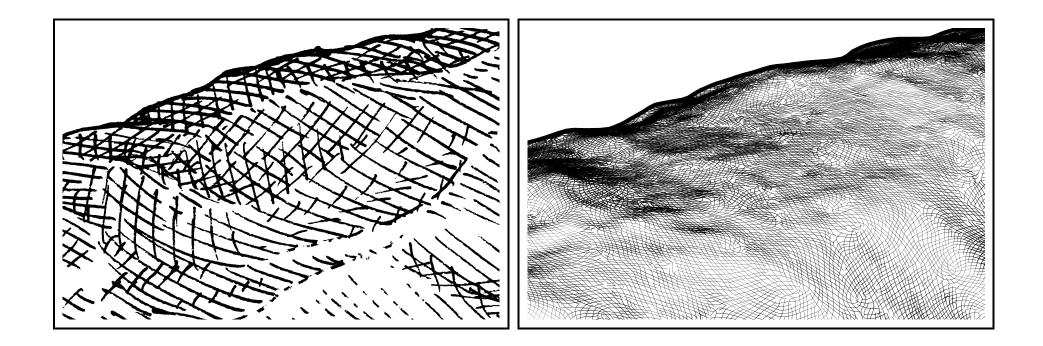


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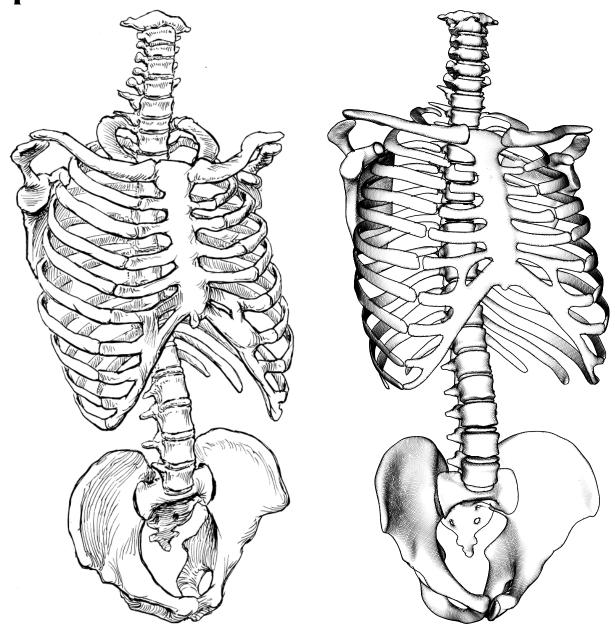


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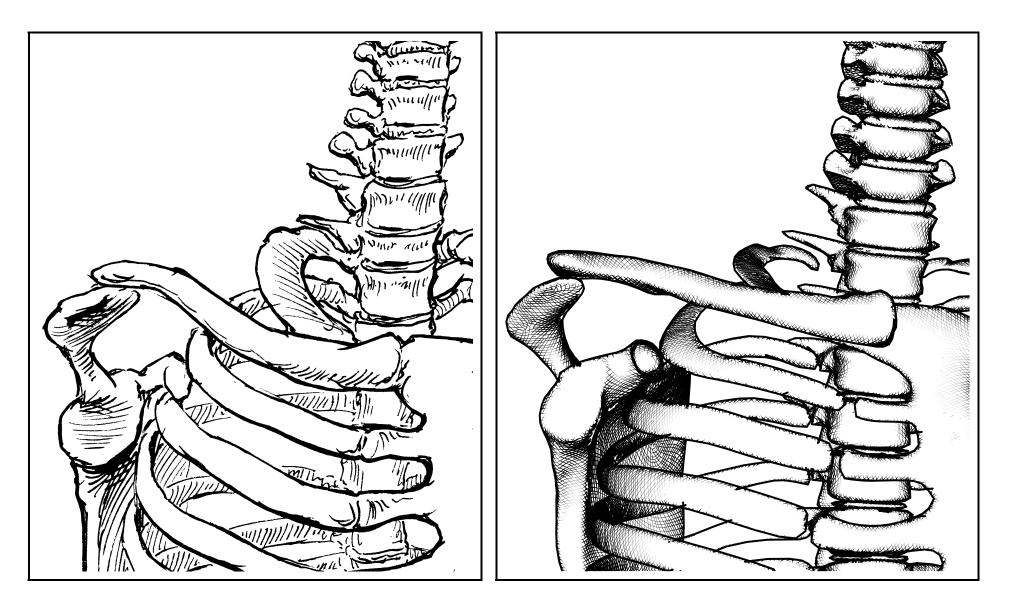


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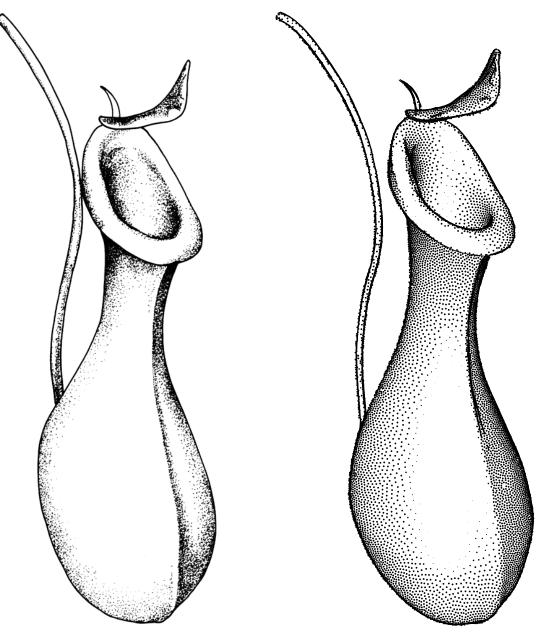




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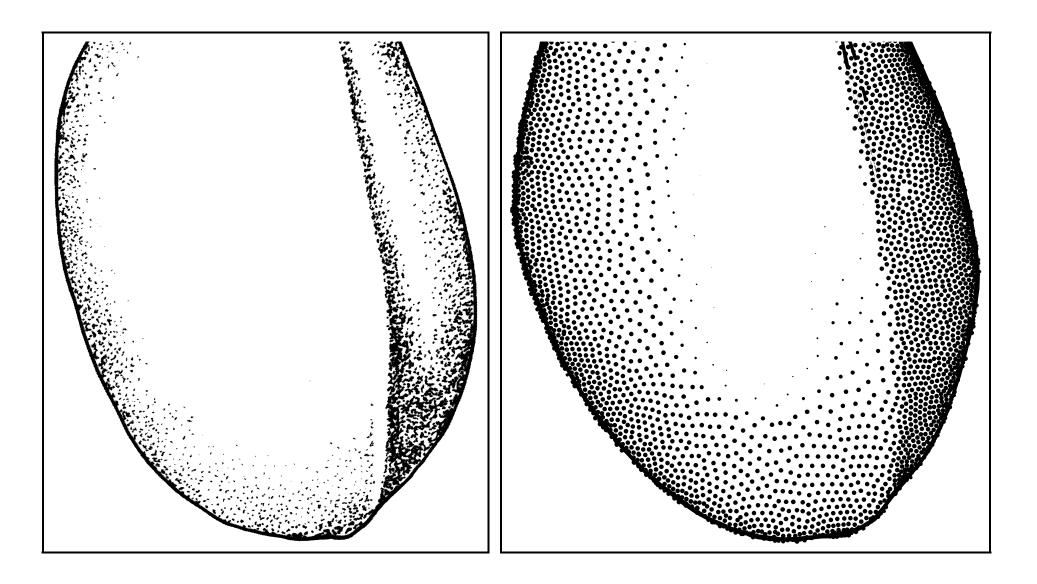


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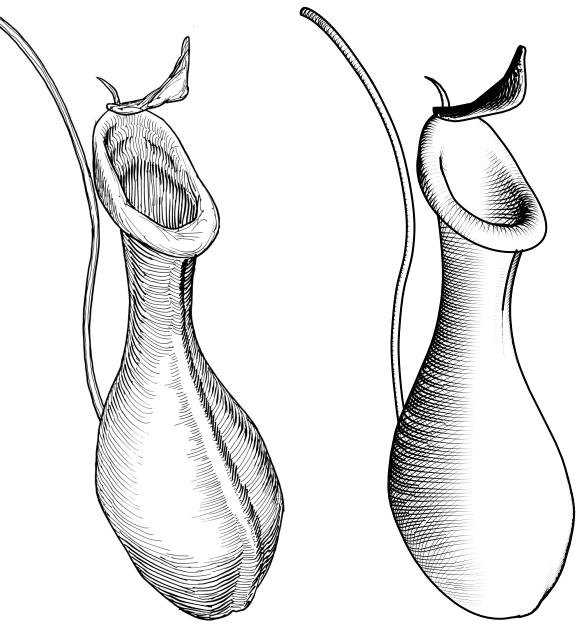


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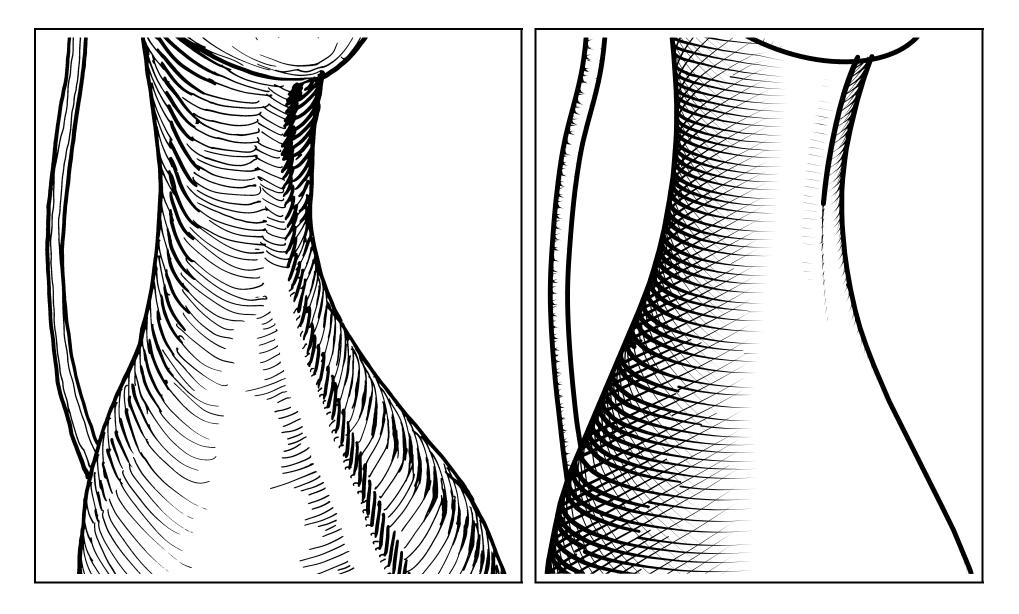


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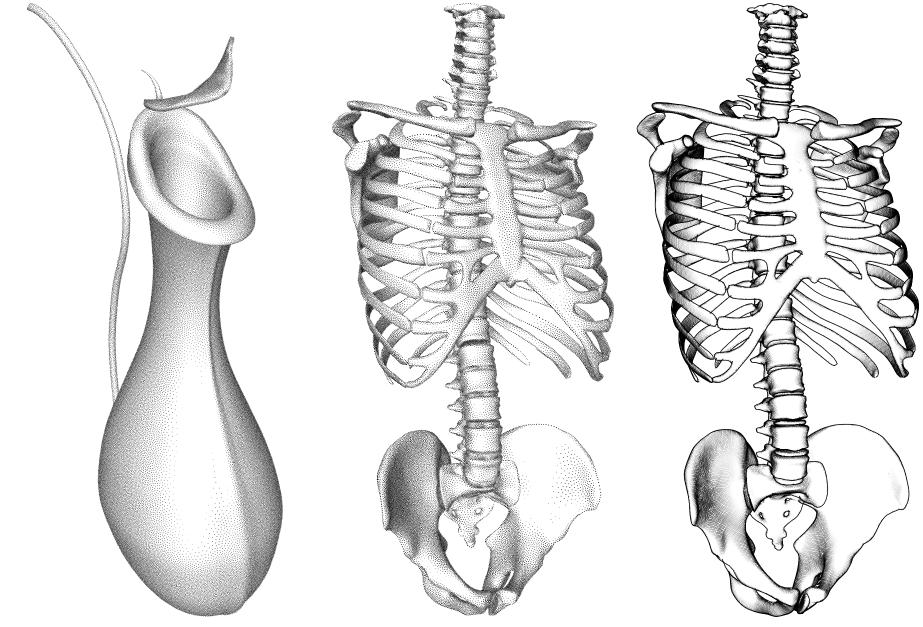


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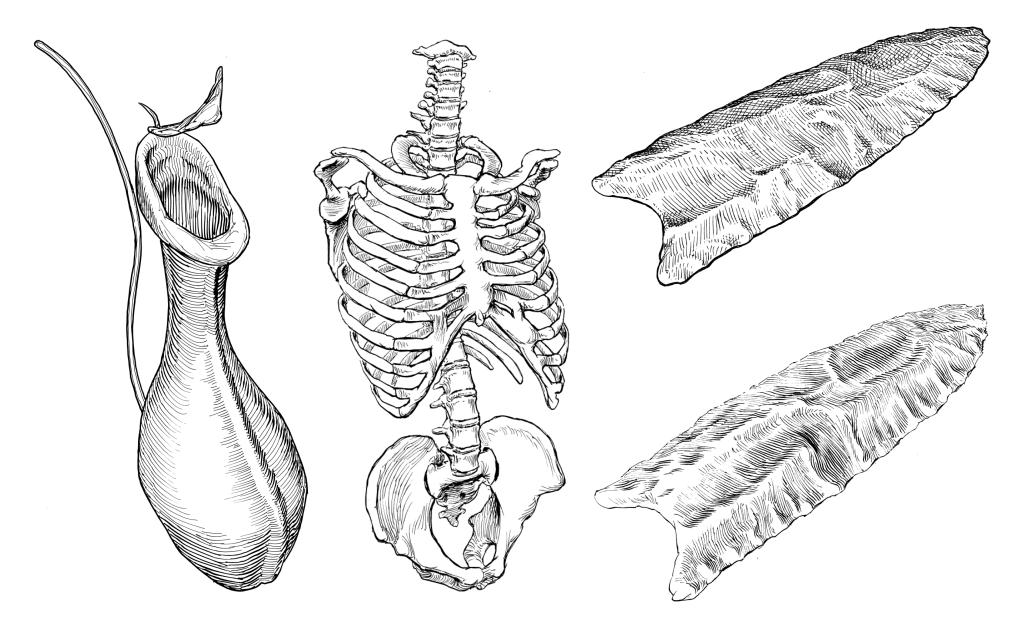


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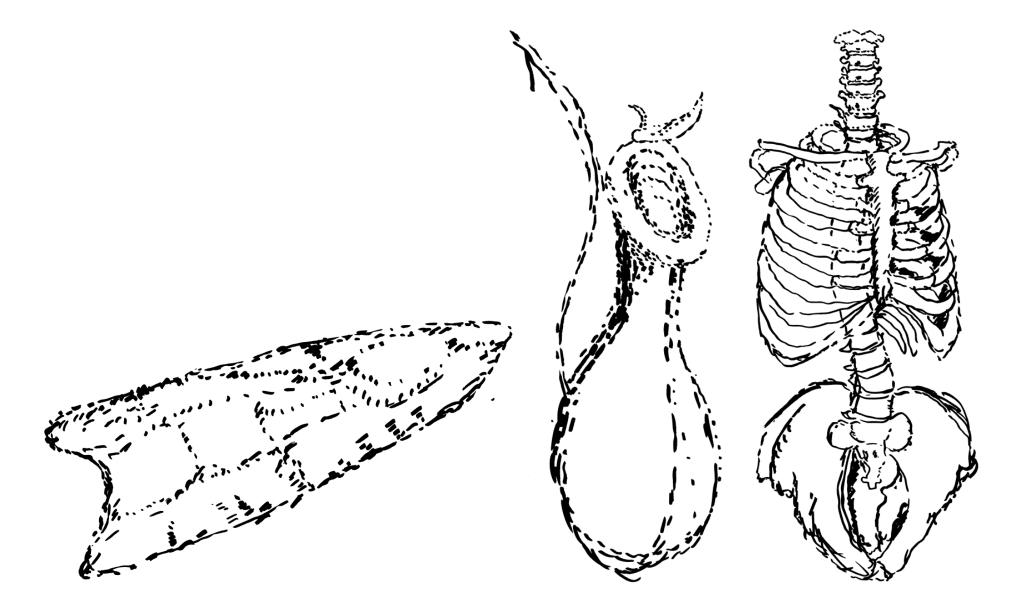


Hand-Drawn Images Liked for their "Character"

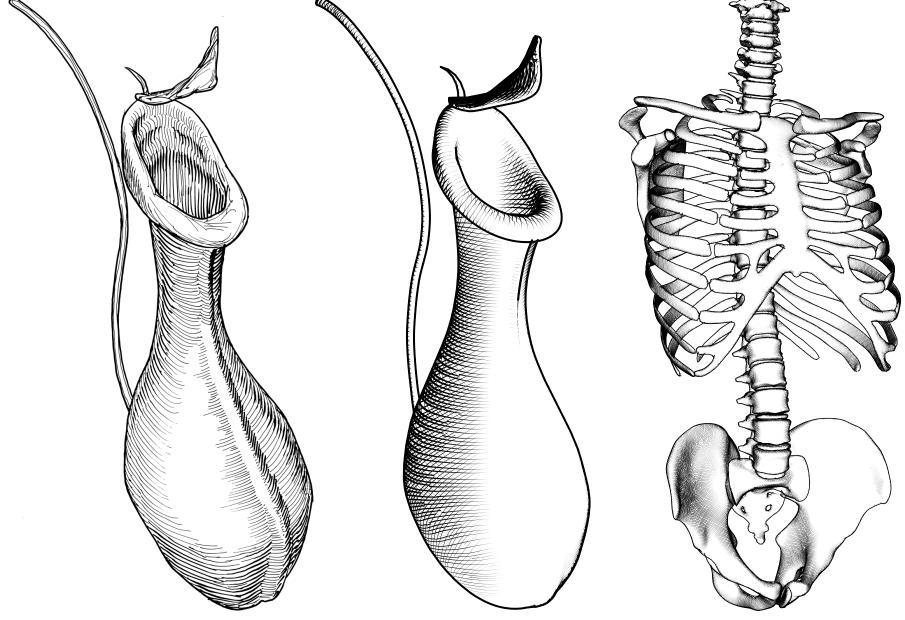




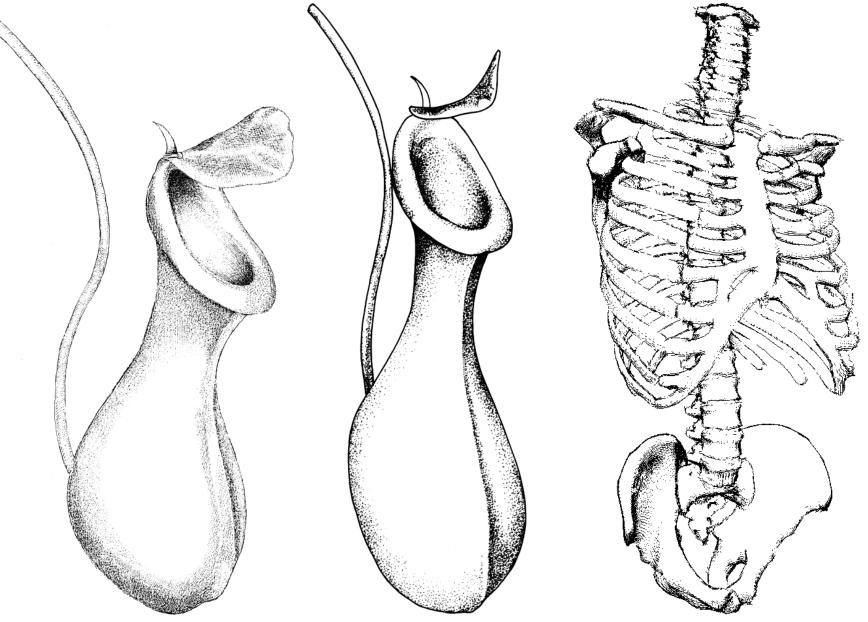
Too Much Sketchiness Disliked (for Illustrations)



Contrast Appreciated



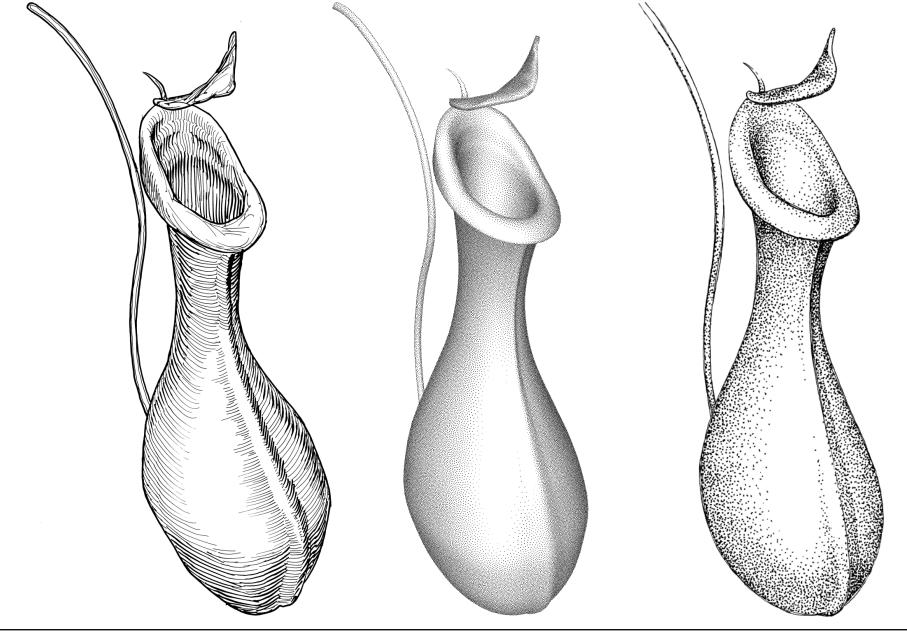
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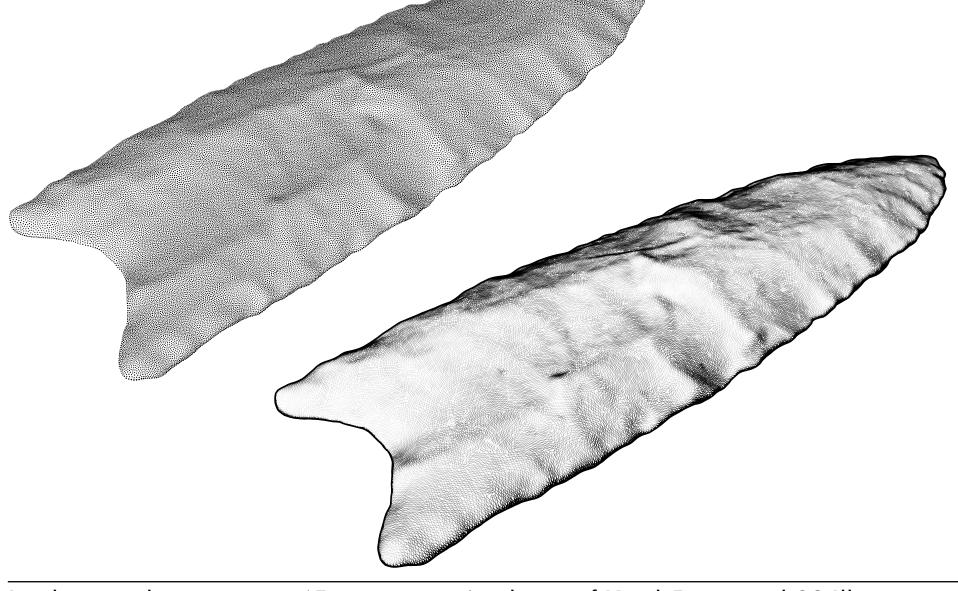
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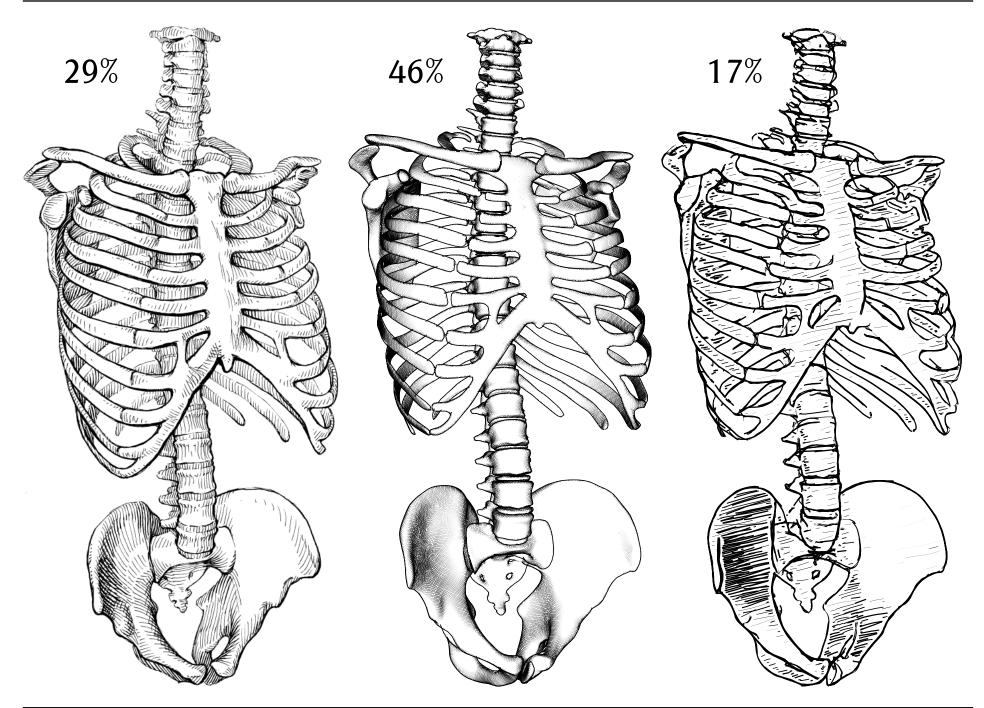
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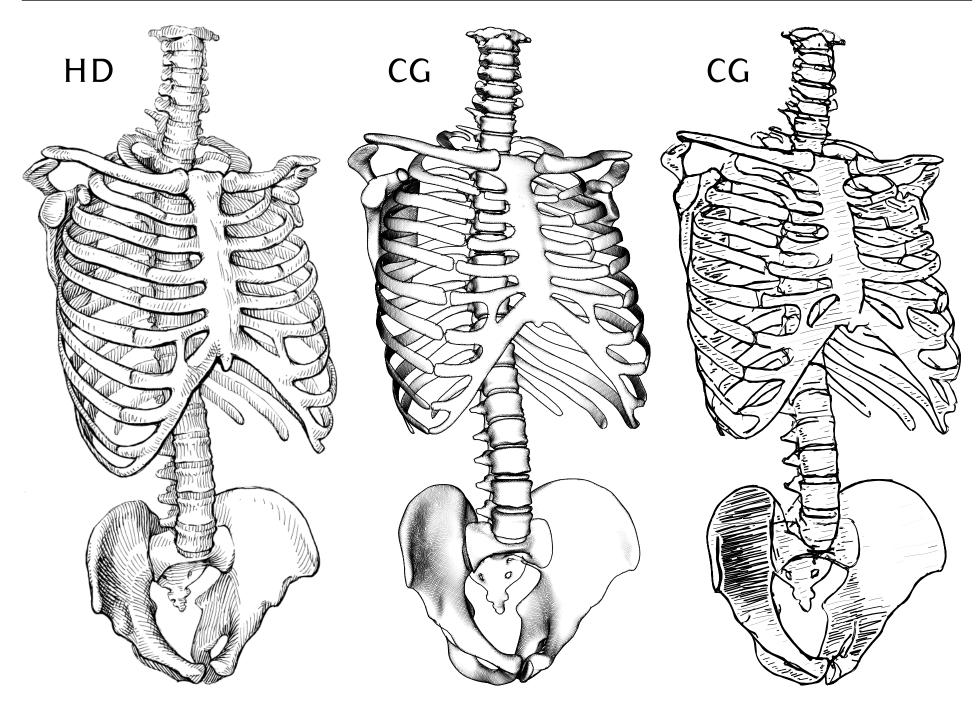
Percentages images were particularly liked by participants





Hand-drawn or computer-generated?

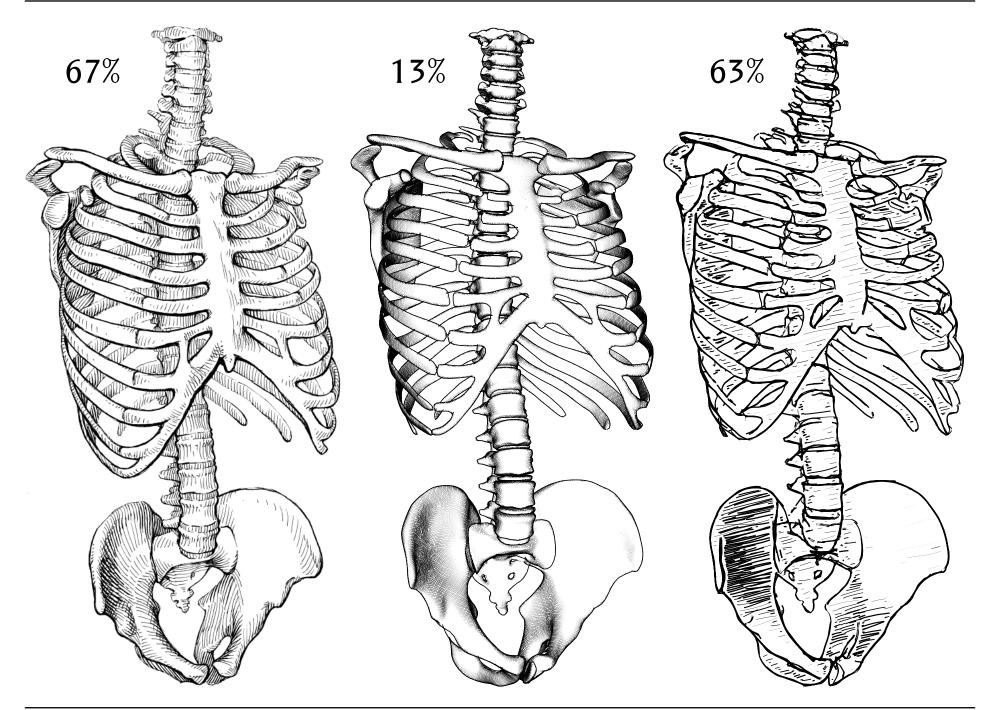




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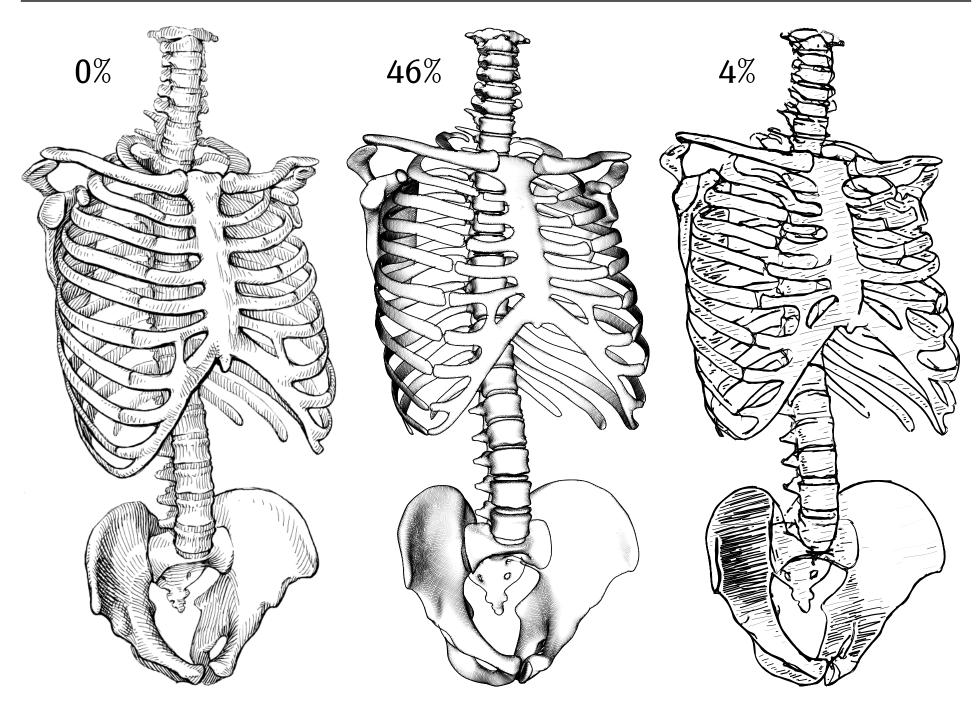
Percentages images stood out as hand-drawn for participants





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Handout



