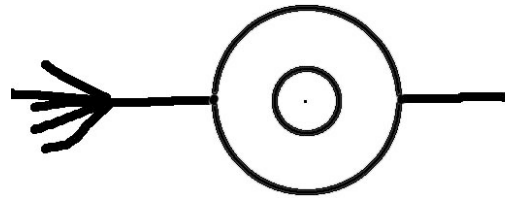


To Parents:

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade media classes are learning to view (and draw) images from different shots (wide, medium, close-up, extreme close up) and angles. In class they have guessed the answer to the Classic Doodle on the right ...

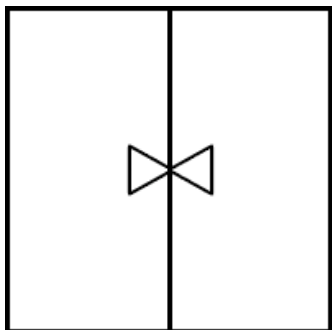


Can You Guess What it is?

The answer from the artist is - A witch on a broomstick (from a high angle – top looking down – of course)

Aim: What are Doodles?

**What's a... duh... Doodle?** A doodle is a doodle riddle. Or a riddle doodle. It's this scribble a friend makes up. It doesn't look like anything but you have to guess what it is. Yup, you know what I mean.



Here's a classic doodle.

Is it a butterfly climbing up a piece of string?  
Or a vain triangle kissing its reflection in a mirror?

The original answer from the artist is:

**A man wearing a bowtie entered a crowded elevator and the doors closed on his tie.**

- drawing from the book *Classic Doodles* by **Roger Price**. © Copyright Tallfellow Press.

**Interesting Guesses From Others:**

Twiggy in a bow-tie. - *Eric Elford*

An invisible duck looking at itself reappear in a mirror (starting with the beak). *Nichole Richard, Port Orford, OR,*

A worm eating Doritos. - *Stephanie, Anaheim, CA, USA*

Elevator going to a formal dinner. - *Sarah, Ferndale, Michigan, USA*

There really isn't any one right answer. Your guess might even be funnier.

**Doodle history ...**

Yes, there really is a history to these things. Doodles have been around for hundreds of years ... but became a fad in the 1950's. The first official 'doodles' were created by Roger Price, an American comedy writer, during this time. Price and his friend, Leonard Stern, also created Mad Libs ... yet another fad of the fifties. Stern, also a comedy writer, penned some episodes of the TV show "Get Smart!". Doodles became so popular they became the subject of a 1950's TV game show, created by Price and Stern.

As well as entertainment, doodles are used in cognitive research (yes, really), for building creativity ... and on the cover of a Frank Zappa album. (#1 on handout)

**Does it take skill to be a doodler?**

None whatsoever. A child could do these. In fact, many of these doodles were done by children. Small children.

You can go to the following websites:

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/exhibits/doodles/>

<http://www.archimedes-lab.org/doodles.html>

[http://www.archimedes-lab.org/doodle\\_challenge.html](http://www.archimedes-lab.org/doodle_challenge.html)

<http://www.brainbashers.com/doodlesprev.asp>

**HANDOUT** - Students were given this handout of doodles – and asked to give original answers to the classic doodles. They were told to use their knowledge of shots and angles as well as their imagination. If there is no room for some of answers on the handout – have them write them on the back. (The first 12 are some of Roger Price's original – you can see his answers on some of the websites above.).

DROODLES : Doodle Riddles

