



Questions for Discussion

- Define perception in your own words.
- Do we all perceive things the same?
- Is our own way of perceiving life something that occurs naturally or something we learn?
- Are your perceptions usually correct?
- Would the world be a better or a worse place if we all perceived life the same way?

PERCEPTION (noun):

"...the act or faculty of apprehending by means of the senses, or of the mind; cognition; understanding."

Thank you Mr. Webster!

Unless we all share the same brain and genetic make-up, each individual's perception and personal experience will differ from the next person's, much like when we look at an optical illusion.

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

What do you see in the following image?



A woman's face? Or a saxophone player?

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

A noble Indian
chief?

Or an Eskimo with
his back turned to
you?



OPTICAL ILLUSIONS



This picture could be one of three things:

1. A young woman's profile
2. An old lady with a huge shnoz
3. A scary Irish guy with a stache

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

Most of you
probably
see a
man's
face in
this
image...



But how
many of
you see a
“liar”?

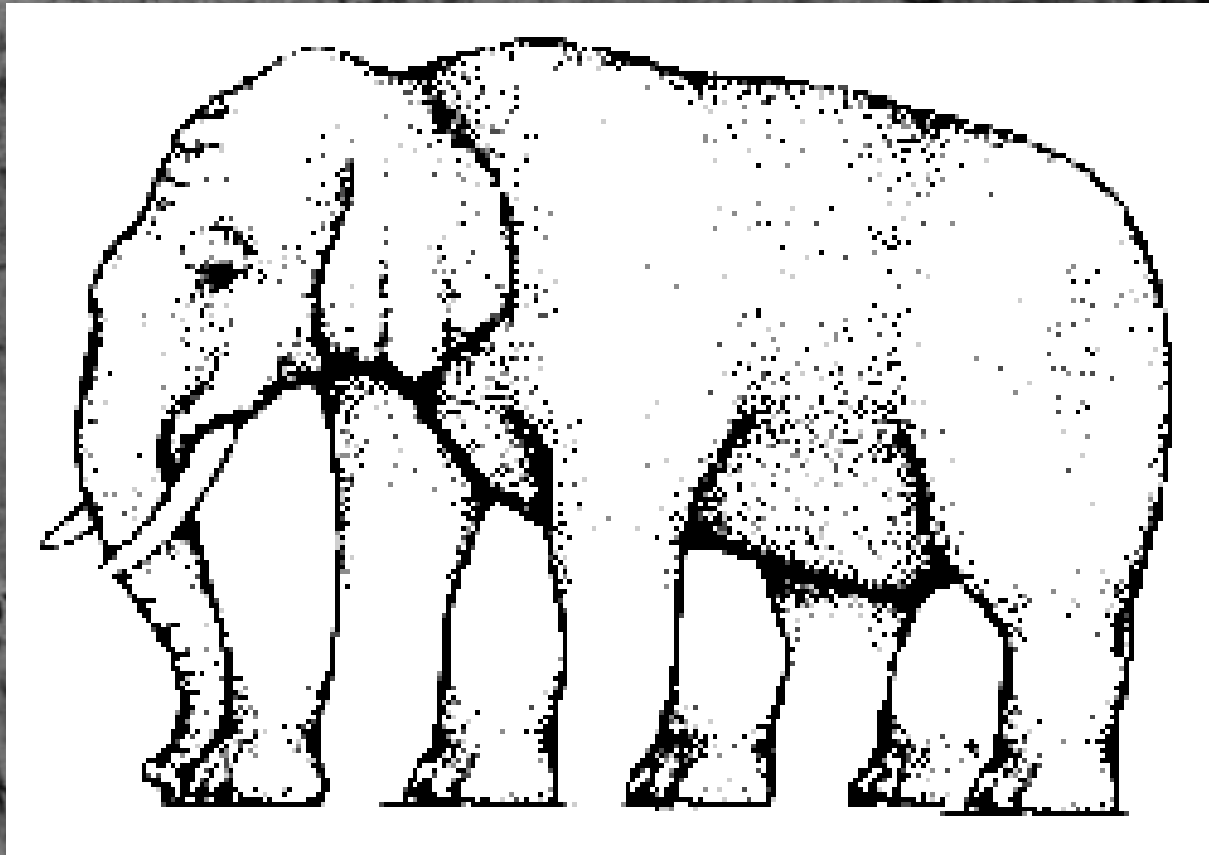
OPTICAL ILLUSIONS



A raggedy old man.
But do you see the other image???

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

Just how many legs
does this elephant have?



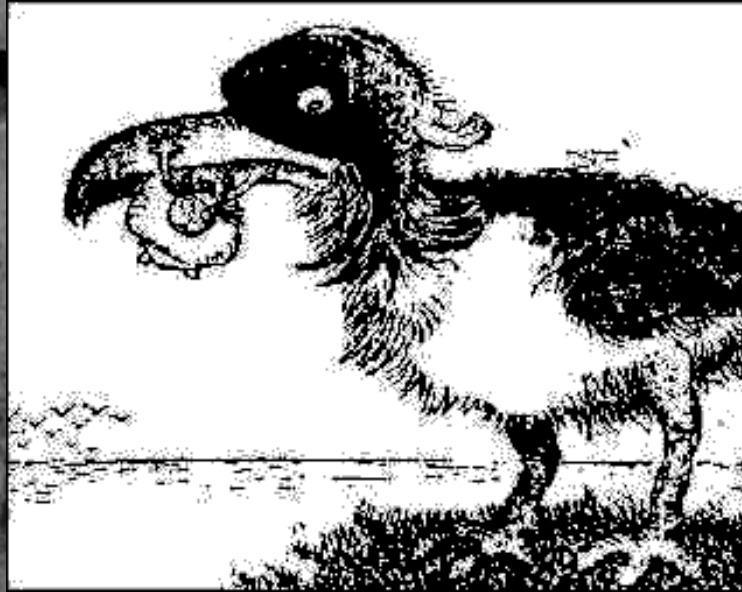
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Which side of the
cube is blue?

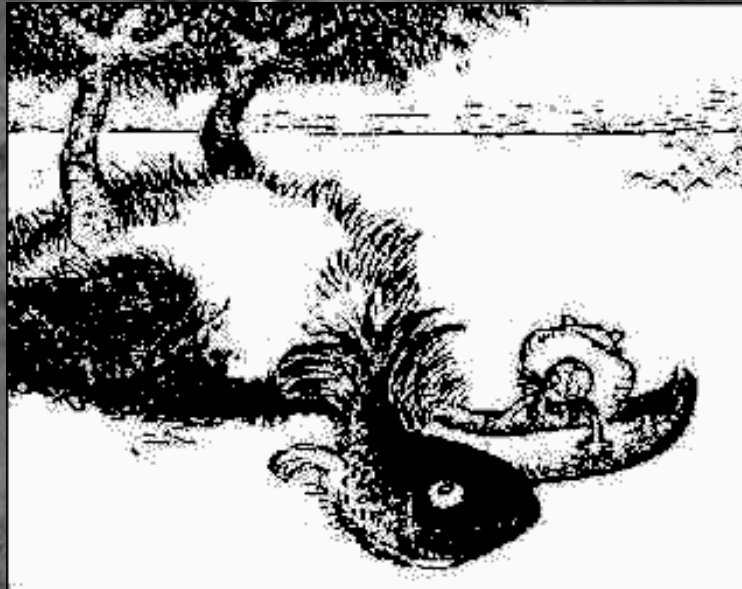


OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

A ginormous
bird with
food in its
mouth.



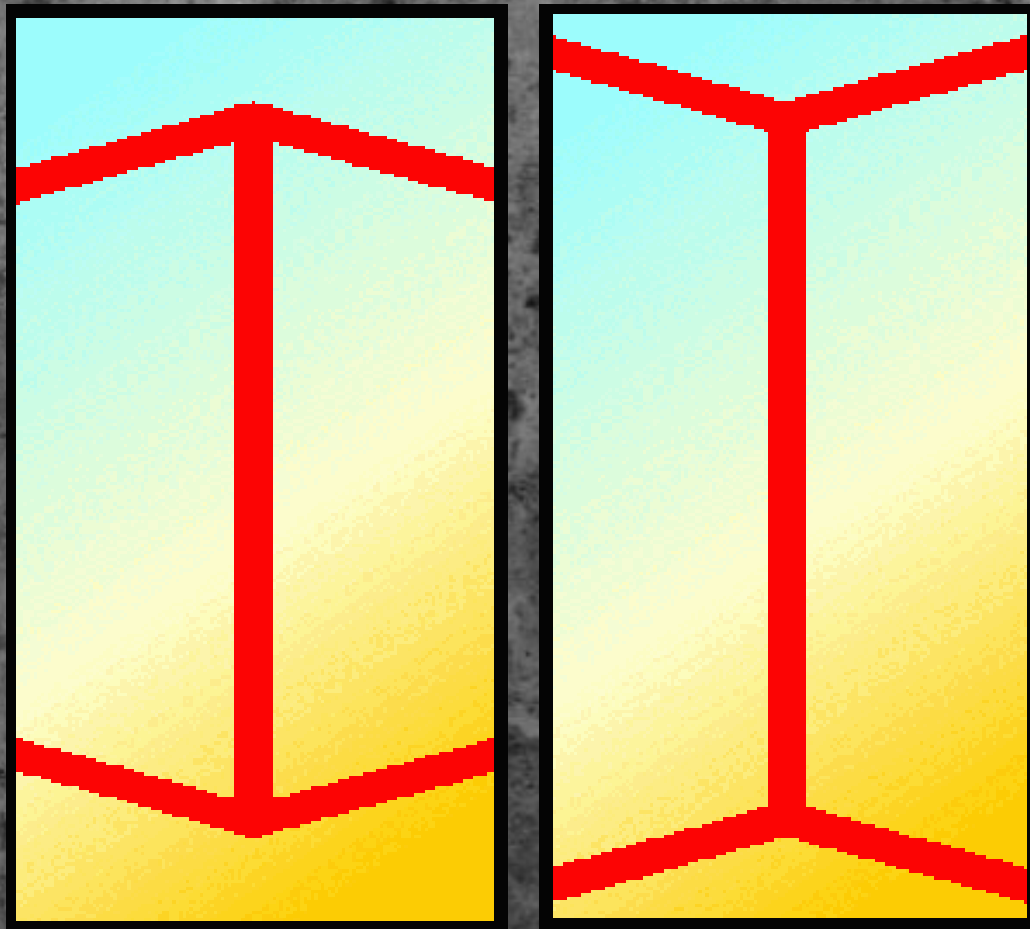
That is, until
you flip it
upside down..



Suddenly it's
no longer a
bird, but some
person in a
boat by an
island looking
at a giant
fish...

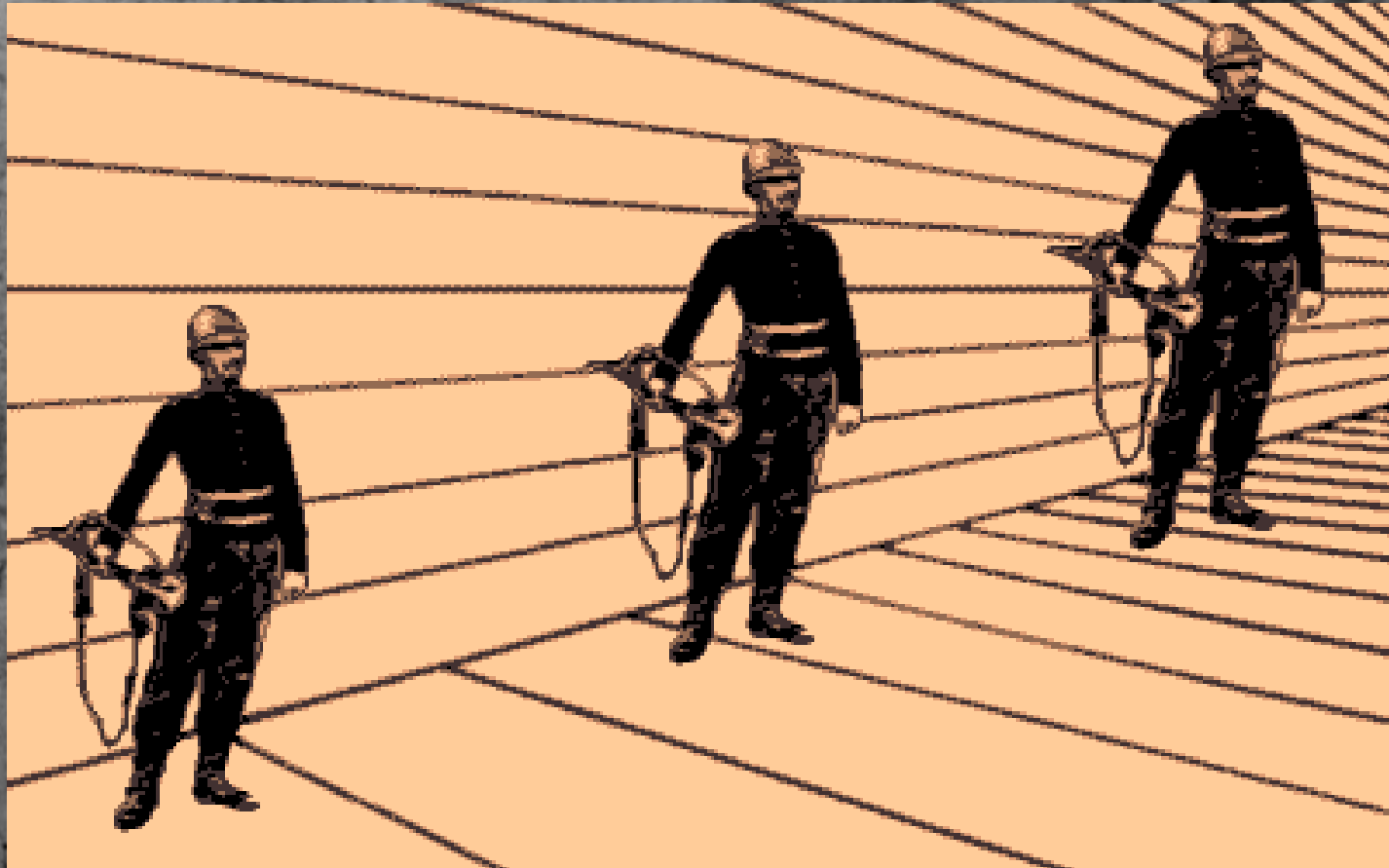
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Which line is longer???



Are you
sure???

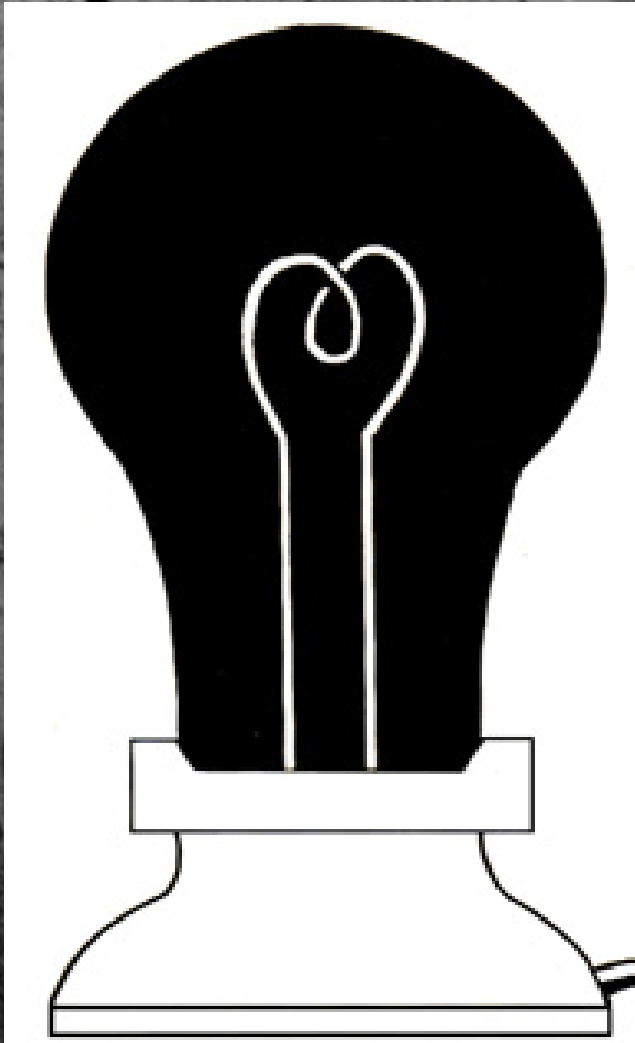
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Are these soldiers lined up
from shortest to tallest?

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

And now some eye tricks...

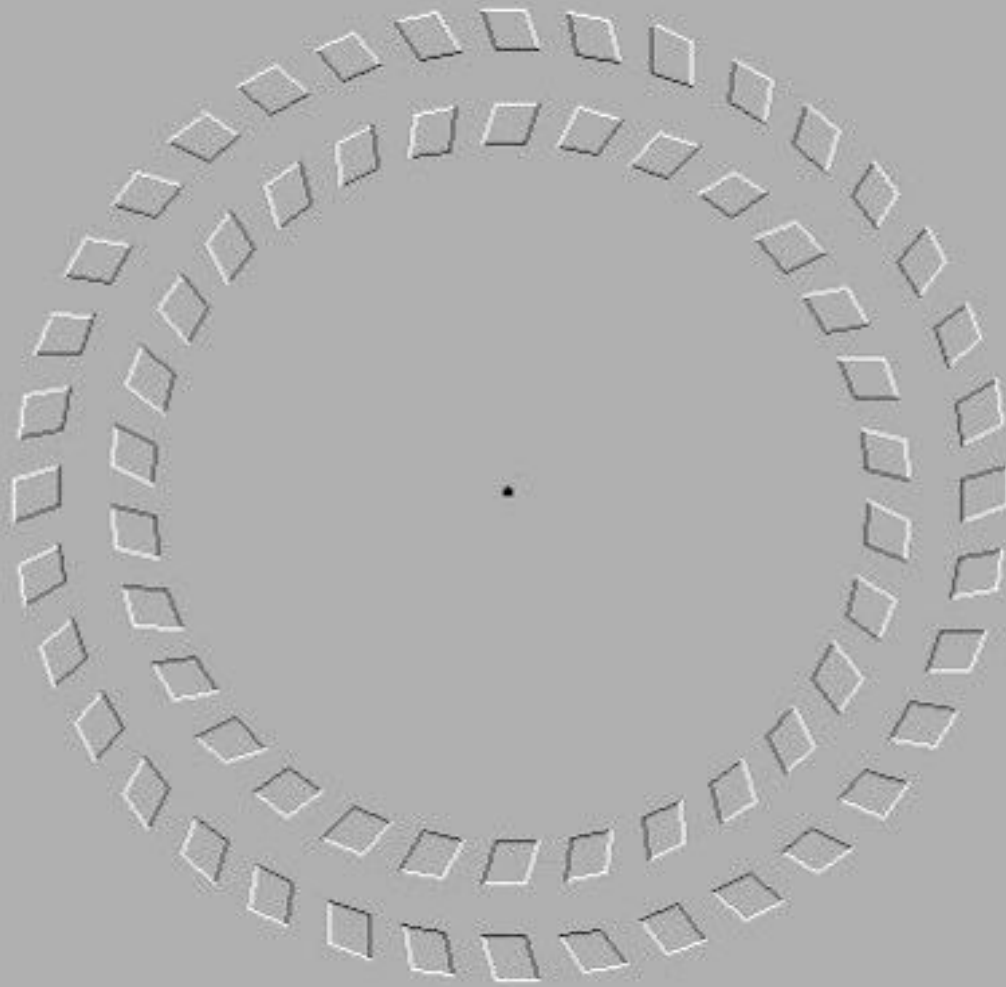


Stare at the center
of this light bulb
for 30 seconds.

When I instruct you to, look at
a blank wall or the
whiteboard.

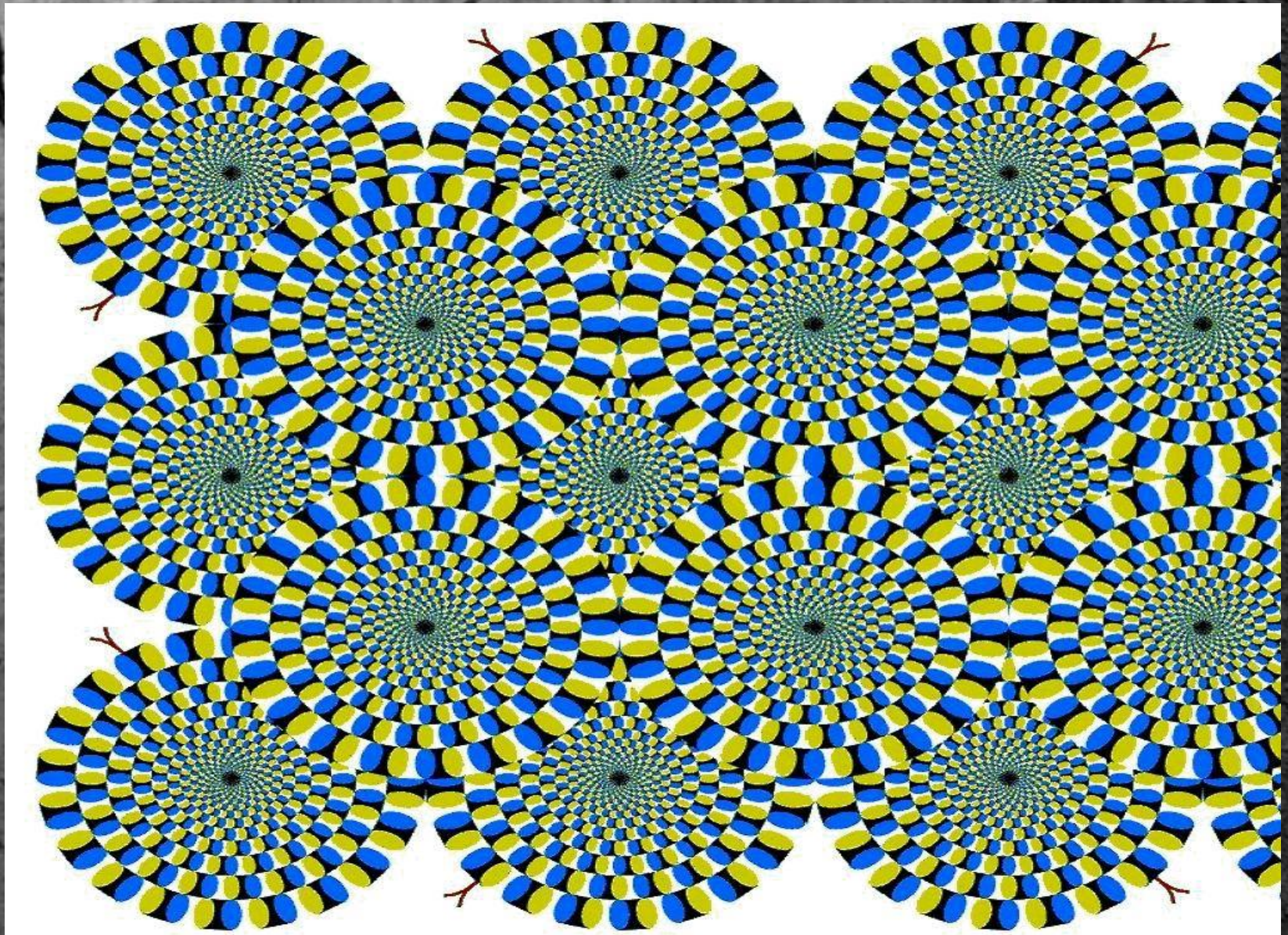
Did you see it glowing?

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS



FOCUS ON THE DOT IN THE CENTRE AND MOVE YOU HEAD BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS.
WEIRD HEY...

OPTICAL ILLUSIONS



Bringing it home...

Don't be so quick to perceive what you *think* you already know in the same old way you always have.

Allow yourself to experience this class from a new perspective, and be careful to honor and respect your classmates' perceptions, because they WILL differ!

And always, ALWAYS, feel free to change your mind as it stretches and grows to make room for competing thoughts.

The Dargavel Den

My hope is that this class will become a place of discovery for each of you.

A place where you will be challenged to think in ways you've never thought before.

In order for that to happen, we **MUST** give each other complete freedom to be **WHO WE REALLY ARE...**
NOT who people **THINK** we are.

The Dargavel Den

We each have a side of ourselves that we present to the world...and sometimes we wear different "masks" depending on who we're with, but there's usually a LOT more to us than what others see.

We're a lot more than what others perceive us to be...

Line Activity

GROUND RULES

Do not talk during the activity.

Do not “high-five” or share details with classmates in between questions.

Everyone must stand, **everyone** must participate, and **everyone** must walk to the line when it is relevant.

Before we begin, quickly glance around the room and make a mental note of the person in this class who you think is LEAST like you. Pay attention to their answers specifically throughout the activity.

Line Activity

Step on the line if:

- You pressed the snooze button on your alarm clock this morning
- You like rap music
- You like country music
- You have a pet
- You have a boyfriend or girlfriend
- You spend more than 2 hours a day playing video games or on social media.

Line Activity

Step on the line if:

- You have siblings
- You were born in another country
- You will be the first in your family to graduate from high school or college
- You or someone you know has a learning disability
- You have an adult that you trust

Line Activity

Step on the line if:

- You have ever done something you knew was wrong just to impress your friends
- You live with only one parent, or someone other than your parents
- You're worried about your parents/guardians being able to pay the bills every month
- The electricity, gas, or water has ever been turned off at your parents' house
- You have ever been judged because of your ethnicity, sexual orientation, or religion
- You know where to get drugs (not that you would)

Line Activity

Step on the line if:

- You know someone who is in a gang
- You know someone who is, or has been, homeless
- You know someone who has been either emotionally, physically, or mentally abused
- You know someone who has been or is currently in jail or prison
- Come back to the line if this person is related to you
- You know someone who is HIV positive or has AIDS
- You have ever lost someone close to you

Thank you for your honesty and willingness to participate. Have a seat.

Homework

Using the mask given to you, you must:

Decorate the mask in a way that depicts who you REALLY are. You may draw/color/paint your mask or glue different pictures/words on it. Be as creative as you can! 😊

Your mask must be done neatly. I will not accept sloppy work. Really take time to think about how you want to design your mask.

DUE 2 CLASSES FROM NOW!!!!