

Title of Speech: How to Draw a Minion from Despicable Me

I. Introduction

Attention Getter: How many of you have seen the movie “Despicable Me?” How many of you fell in love with the cute little yellow minions in the movie?

Credibility Statement: I have seen the movie several times and have drawn minions on many occasions, including in this class for the communication model assignment. Many of you may have also noticed the minions I drew on the whiteboard outside my dorm room.

Significance Statement: Being able to draw minions is a valuable skill to have, as they are extremely cute, and will impress all your friends and even your teachers. Everyone can’t help but love minions, you and I included.

Thesis: So, as the artist you all know I am, I am going to teach you how to draw a minion.

Preview: First, you need drawing supplies, then I’ll walk you through drawing a basic minion, and finally, we’ll add color to the drawings.

Connective: Before we start drawing the minion, you need some basic supplies.

II. Body

Main Point: This is what you need to draw a minion.

1. Supporting Point: Clean Piece of paper, preferably 8.5x11. Any kind of pencil, colors (colored pencils, markers, paint, etc.)

2. Supporting Point: Minion History: Despicable Me 1 released in 2010, Despicable Me 2 in 2013.

3. Supporting Point: The minions were voiced by the directors, one of whom is French and one is American, which is why the minions sound both French and English at times.

4. Supporting Point: minions originally supposed to be more humanlike, yet the studio didn't have enough funding for that, so the short little minions resulted.

Connective: Now that you have the supplies, we can begin to draw.

Main Point: This is how you draw a minion.

1. Supporting Point: Body - Two variations, tall and short. The head character designer Eric Guillon described the minions as "pills with goggles on" (despicableme.com, production notes, 2013)

2. Supporting Point: Arms and Legs. Skinny, like there's no bones

3. Supporting Point: Goggles and Eyes – one eye versus two eyes

4. Supporting Point: Smile – Big smile or little smirk

5. Supporting Point: Clothes – Jumper and Gru's "G" logo

6. Supporting Point: Hair. Variations: sticking up, grease-like, baby

Connective: Now we have finished drawing a basic minion, yet they are missing one thing.

Main Point: Now we will add color to our minions.

1. Supporting Point: Yellow – body, arms and legs

2. Supporting Point: Blue – jumper

3. Supporting Point: Black – goggle straps

4. Supporting Point: Gray: goggles

5. Supporting Point: Brown – irises

Connective: The minions are complete.

III. Conclusion

Closure Statement: Wow, all your minions are looking extremely cute - good job.

Review of Main Points: You just have to have the right supplies, draw the outlines, and add color.

Restate Thesis: Now you all know that drawing a minion is actually not that complex. What's nice about drawing minions is that they are all different and fairly odd looking, so it's hard to mess one up.

Clincher: Now you can go find any excuse to draw a minion, whether in class, at home, or at work. You will be sure to impress and amaze everyone who sees your minion drawings.