Form

Form is an element of art closely related to shape, but form is three-dimensional, while shape is two-dimensional. That is, form is measurable by length, width, and depth, while shape is measurable only by length and width.

Below are two different views of Managed Cube, a sculpture by Markus Schaller. It is located on the grounds of the Flint Institute of Arts. Notice that the sculpture is made up of three-dimensional rectangles known as rectangular prisms. Since sculpture is three-dimensional and occupies space, you can move around it and look at it from different angles. How does Managed Cube change as you move around it?

Markus Schaller, Managed Cube, 2005. Museum purchase with funds from the Collection Endowment and the Hurand Sculpture Courtyard Fund, 2013.65

Art strives for form and hopes for beauty.

George Bellows
How Many Forms Can You Find?

Materials
Pencil

Instructions
Visit the Flint Institute of Arts and look for forms in the artworks. Hint: Look for real forms in sculptures and suggested forms in drawings and paintings. Then draw the forms you find in the box below.