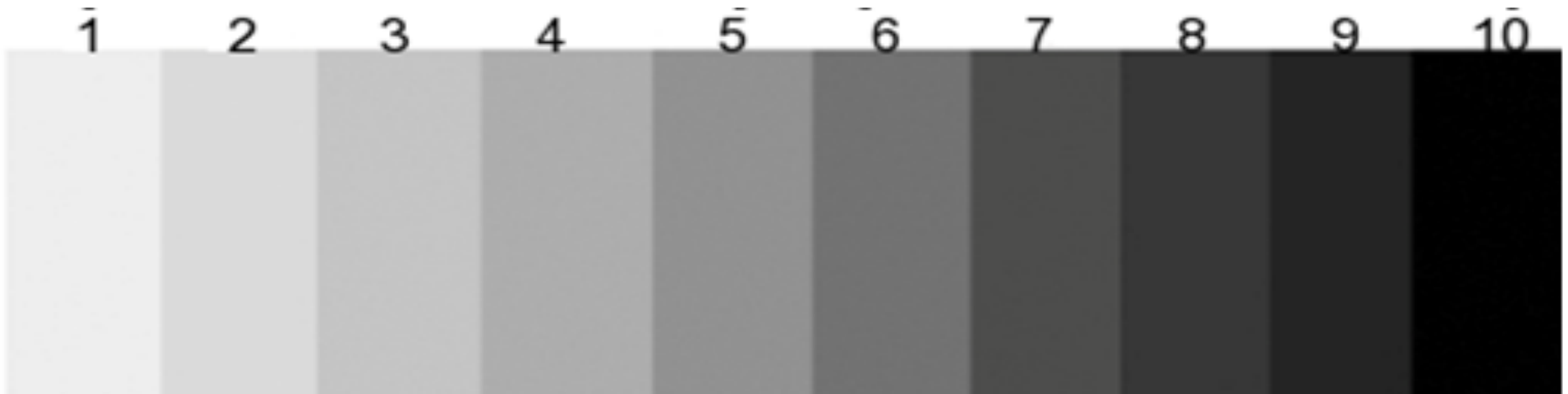


Lesson 4 – Values

Value Scale



Print this out and keep it with you whenever you are drawing. You can use this value scale any time you're ready to begin shading. You hold your value scale up to a scene to judge the values as you draw and move it up and down until you find the best match. Squinting will help you compare the value in your subject and the value on your value scale.

When you're using only pencil and not paints, you may wonder how a value scale can help you with a composition that is in color. Even with color, squinting and comparing areas with the value scale can help you determine the relationship between the light and dark areas or see the wide range of values that make up the subject you are studying. While squinting is important any time you're comparing values, it's absolutely crucial when you're looking at color. It helps reduce colors down to their values.