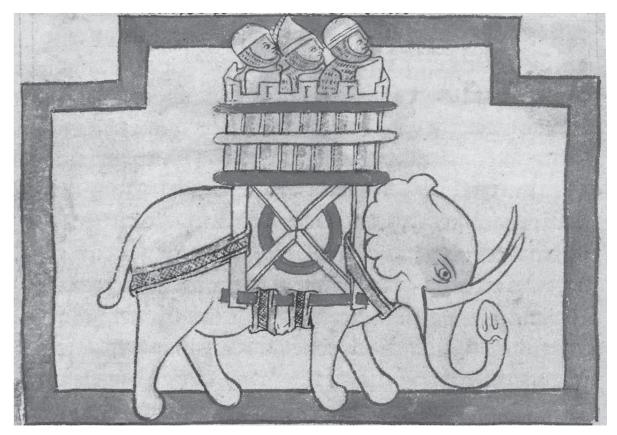
Understanding Formal Analysis

Introducing Shape

Learning about the elements of art? Continue by discovering shapes in works of art. Identify the different shapes you see in this detail of a page from a thirteenth-century book.



Unknown artist An Elephant English, about 1250–60 Ink tinted with body color and translucent washes on parchment, 8¼ x 6¾ in. Ms. 100, fol. 17v

List the shapes you see.



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Build a vocabulary of shapes. Use the table below to experiment with drawing different types of shapes.

Geometric shapes				Overvie shows
Square	Rectangle	Circle	Oval	 Organic shapes

For a quick drawing exercise, use shapes to create simple forms. Below are some examples.

