

# Draw a Spruce Tree

## Grades 5-12

Students will create a drawing of a spruce tree.

### WHAT YOU NEED:

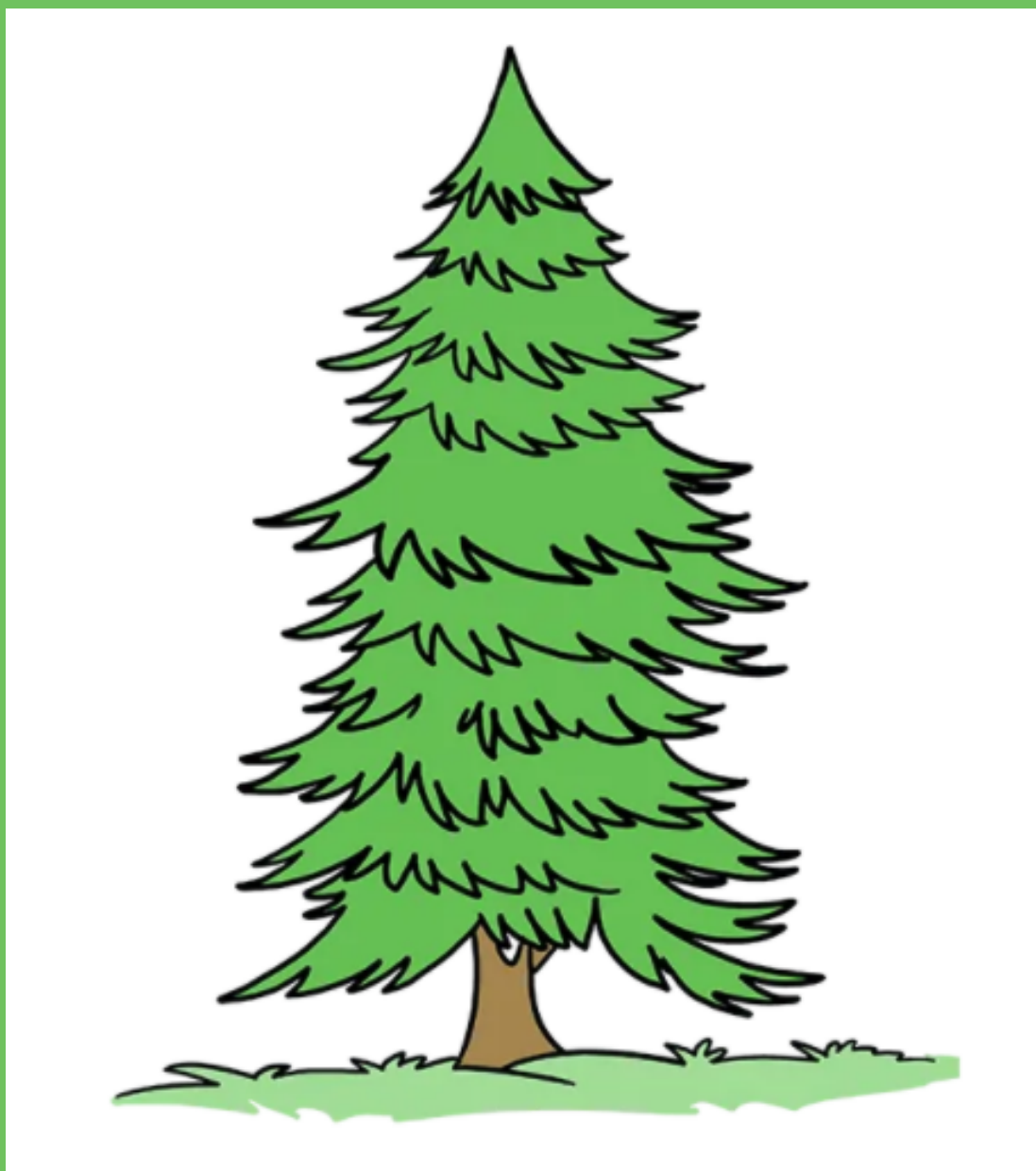
Pencils

Paper

Colored pencils or crayons or pastels or markers

### TEACHER ASKS:

Students to imagine remember the last time they saw a spruce tree and its location.





1. Begin by drawing the top or crown of your tree. First, draw an upside down "V" using two curved lines. Then, connect the lines at the bottom using a series of short, curved lines that meet in jagged points. The figure should be roughly triangular in shape.



2. Next, draw a whorl, or rounded set of branches, beneath the crown. Extend a curved line downward from each side of the crown. Then, connect the lines at the bottom using a series of short, curved lines that meet in jagged points.



3. Draw two more whorls, each a little bigger than the last. For each whorl, extend a curved line downward from each side of the previous whorl. Then, connect the lines at the bottom using a series of short, curved lines that meet in jagged points.



4. Draw a large whorl beneath the previous. Extend a curved line downward from each side of the previous whorl, then connect the lines at the bottom using a series of short, curved lines that meet in jagged points.



5. Draw another whorl, using two curved lines connect by a series of short, curved lines that meet in jagged points. Notice that the whorls are no longer getting bigger than the last.



6. Draw another whorl, slightly smaller than the one above it.



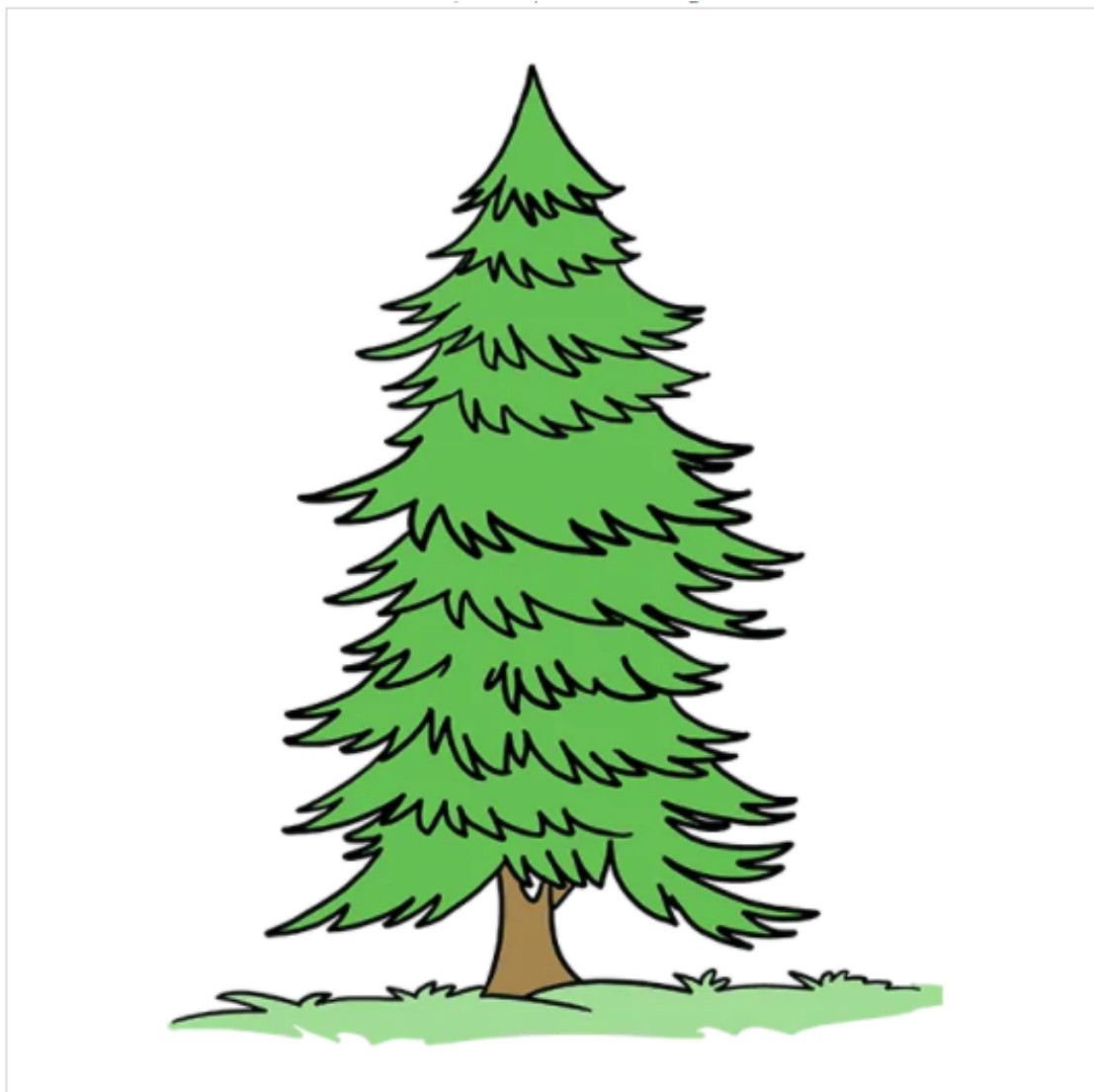
7. Draw another small whorl beneath the previous section.



8. Draw two more whorls, returning to the custom of making them larger than the previous whorls. Notice that the middle section of the final whorl is higher than at its edges. This will allow for the trunk of the tree.



9. Draw the spruce's trunk, using two curved lines. Indicate a fork in the branches using a "V" shaped line with a rounded point. Then, draw the ground beneath the tree. Use overlapping curved lines, complete with patches of shorter lines meeting in jagged points. These indicate tufts of grass.



10. Color your spruce tree. Spruces are often dark green or even blue-green in color.