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## visual age

It is an amazing time to be alive, for me especially since I spent the first 50 years of my life in what I would call “visual poverty”. LOL. This sounds really harsh, but it is becoming more and more apparent (as my learning patterns are reinforced as well) that I depend very heavily for information on “pictures”.

As a kid in school (way way long ago) I know that I gravitated to those classes where visual learning was the primary mode of teaching. There is no doubt in my mind that I went into science because it involved “things” that could be seen in 3D and drawn on paper and understood through making sketches of real objects.

There was no other subject that was portrayed with such visual excitement than science, and in science, it was biology that I preferred because I could “see” what was happening in real time. For me, history was out the window, languages were not difficult but held no interest, math and physics were only black pen on paper to me (well geometry I liked...LOL), and writing was only a vehicle to put my thoughts down on paper so I don't forget them (hmm and still is).

Enter “the computer” and with it a man named Steve Jobs who apparently loved the visual more than anything else. Initially not very popular, he was determined to make the computer a visual tool. Over the many years that he interjected this change in learning, those individuals who were more visually oriented just gravitated to this type of presentation.

I commented with an editorial note in the Breast Cancer Newsletter I write for work ( [http://eh.uc.edu/mythfactchoices/newsletters/Issue\\_35.pdf](http://eh.uc.edu/mythfactchoices/newsletters/Issue_35.pdf) ) after having spent some time learning to use two chemistry program interfaces (ChemSpider and PyMol) that I love chemistry... why... because between these two programs I can create molecules as stick figures, as electron clouds, as molecular models and highlight different colors for atoms and then believe it or not, rotate these in 3D space and save them as movies. Had this tool been available to me as a high school student I am pretty sure I would have become a chemist. All visual.

It is so clear to me now that there are literally billions of people who prefer their learning input in visual format. It would seem to be phylogenetically the more primitive input.....language and writing was a late comer on the scene, pictures were very early on. Survival depended on using visual cues. Per the commercial from iPhone, more people use their phones as cameras than we can count. Hallelujah, it is truly going to be a visual century.

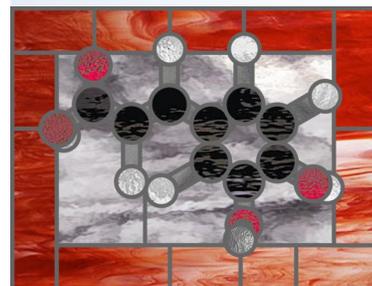
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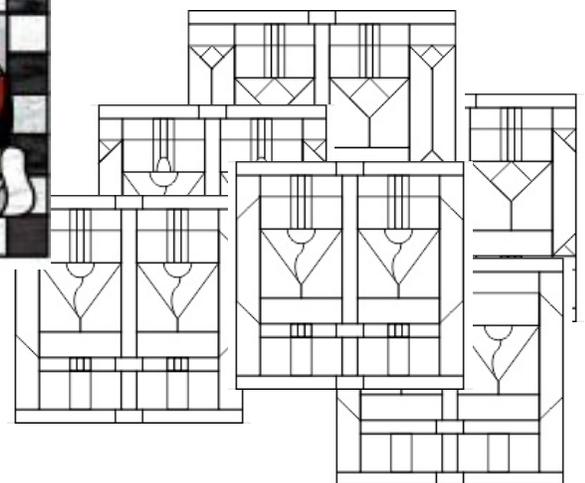
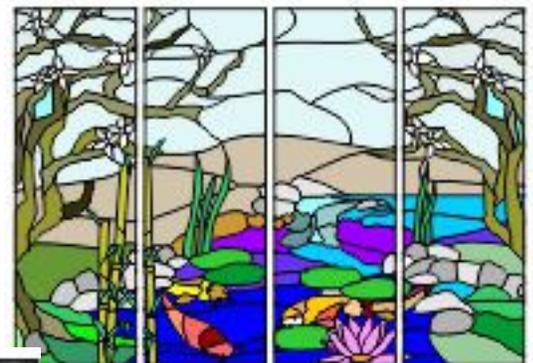
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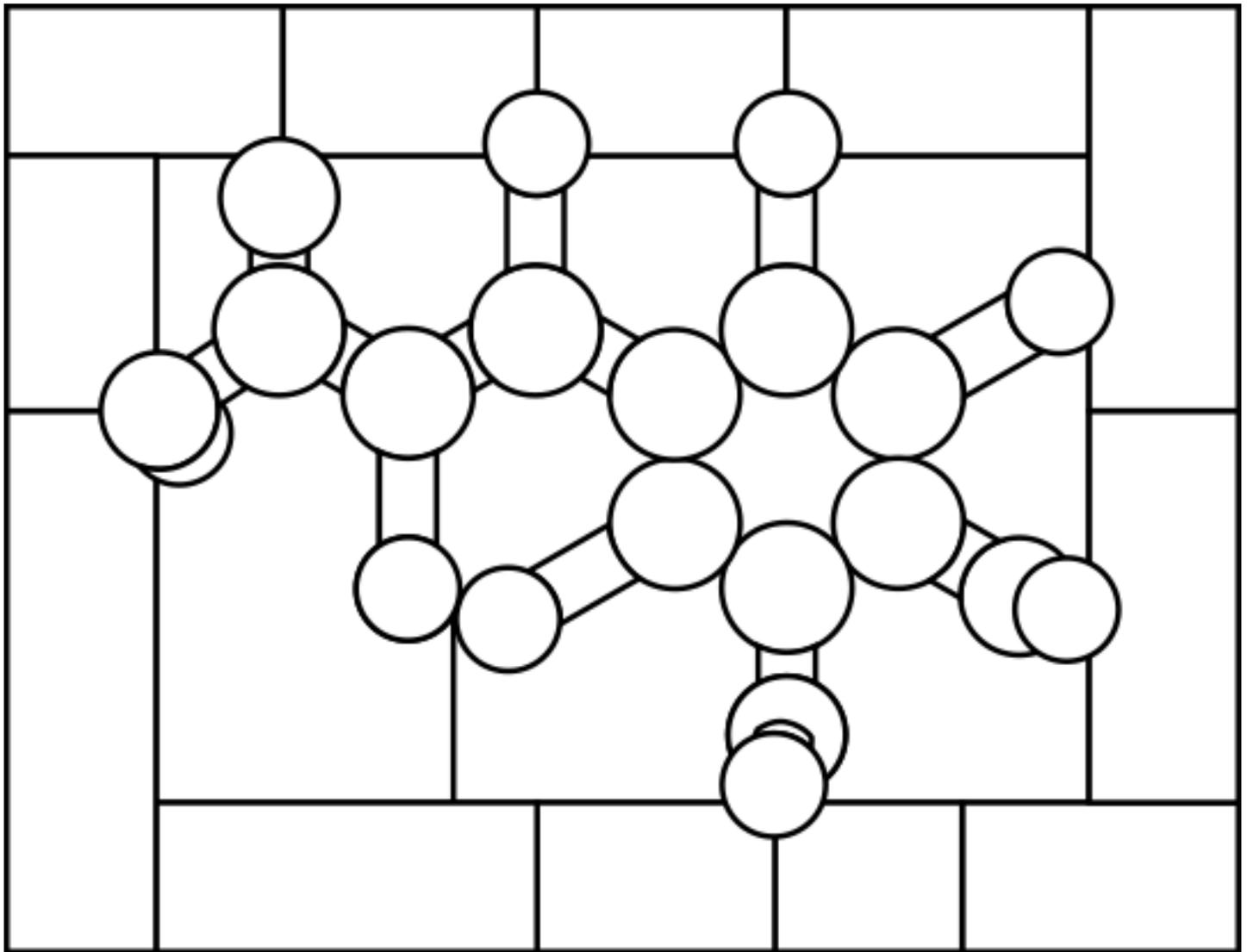
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