

Hello, I'm Eden Timm, a director, animator, storyboard artist, and instructor with 13 years of experience in animation. You can learn about me here: <https://edentimm.com/>

I wrote this up because I was told you were interested in exploring animation as a career!

I recommend aspiring animation artists to try and complete some free online assignments that cover the departments you're interested in before deciding to go to animation school. It's a good look into what you'll be doing in animation school, so if you hate it, you'll likely hate animation school as well. And if you love it, it also gives you some knowledge ahead of starting classes!

Here's some that I enjoy across multiple departments.

2d animation - non-bouncing ball exercises

[https://youtu.be/\\_hYtN46s-Lk?si=y6nFq4oW5JL6DhHu](https://youtu.be/_hYtN46s-Lk?si=y6nFq4oW5JL6DhHu)

Background painting - a grassy field paint along

[https://youtu.be/jzwkqw9SE\\_Q?si=AuX16Z8iRkCaBuSN](https://youtu.be/jzwkqw9SE_Q?si=AuX16Z8iRkCaBuSN)

Character design - how to create a turnaround

[https://youtu.be/GuWAhysR1qY?si=9TKv\\_yNUP57uB7zd](https://youtu.be/GuWAhysR1qY?si=9TKv_yNUP57uB7zd)

Storyboarding - camera explanations & redrawing film scenes to understand cinematography

<https://youtu.be/En7u6PTDn7Q?si=0huXi7lyUqFCPIJ0>

If you're looking for 3d tutorials, that's out of my depth, sorry!

Be sure to search beyond what I've linked! "How to draw [blank]", "[blank] exercises" "[blank] tutorials", "[blank] tips and tricks". And look outside of youtube. Check out books, tumblr, pinterest, instagram, google, etcetcetc. Being able to find stuff on your own is a huge skill.

As far as animation schools go - avoid scam schools as much as you can. Here's a really stellar video on how to spot scam schools(I wish it was around before I went to one haha!)

[https://youtu.be/\\_T692ZJP5f0?si=LEeDpVLa4fk8tMqd](https://youtu.be/_T692ZJP5f0?si=LEeDpVLa4fk8tMqd)

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