Intro to Paintbrush

What Can Paintbrush Do?

*Paintbrush* is very similar to *Microsoft Paint*. It’s very useful for making simple drawings using simple shapes. You can also use *Paintbrush* for writing equations, but it is not quite as good as the *SketchBook* software for such purposes.

Using the Toolbar

The most important tool to understand is the Select tool, which is vital for copying images to be pasted into *Word*. Copy an image by selecting it and using the $⌘C$ shortcut. Paste into *Word* with $⌘V$. Here are the basics of most of the tools.

**Draw**: Free-form draw tool. Good for use with the tablet and stylus.

**Select**: Use this tool to select a rectangular area of the canvas. That area can then be copied ($⌘C$) and pasted ($⌘V$) into *Word*. The selected rectangle can also be dragged across the canvas.

**Shapes**: Draw lines and curves. Or draw solid or outlined rectangles and ovals.

**Text**: The text interface is kind of clunky, but you can place typed text onto the canvas.

**Line Thickness**: The default setting is 3. Larger numbers mean thicker lines.

**Color of Lines**: Click the box to change the color. Black is “Licorice.”

**Zoom**: Take a closer look at the canvas.

**Clear Screen**: Blow everything up and start over.

**Eraser**: The width of the eraser is changed using the Line Thickness slider.

**Fill**: Change the color of a solid object.