

Core Art Unit Organizer
Eighth Grade
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Principles of Art

State Standards:

1. Students recognize and use the visual arts as a form of communication.

Students will understand that the principles of art are required in order to communicate through visual images.

2. Students know and apply elements of art, principles of design, and sensory and expressive features of visual arts.

Students will be able to define and apply the principles of art.

3. Students know and apply visual arts materials, tools, techniques, and processes.

Students will use construction paper to create examples of each principle.

Students will use construction paper to create artwork using all the principles and elements.

4. Students relate the visual arts to various historical and cultural traditions.

Students will examine important works of art.

5. Students analyze and evaluate the characteristics, merits, and meanings of works of art.

Students will study how important artists used the principles of art.

Core Knowledge Standards:

“In studying the works of art specified below, and in creating their own art, students should review, develop, and apply concepts introduced in previous grades, such as **line, shape, form, space, texture, design, and symmetry.**”-taken from CK Sequence

Previous Unit:

Elements of Art.

Next unit:

Abstract Expressionism.

Resources:

Prints showing how important artists have used the principles of art.
Examples of satisfactory principles/elements project.

Skills:

Students will be able to:

- List and define all the principles of art.
- Identify how important artists have used the principles of art.
- Create examples of each principle.

Assessments:

- Periodic oral questioning.
- Daily review using Quick Sketches.
- Evaluation of student created principle examples.
- Evaluation of student created element/principle project.
- Written test over the principles of art.

Habits of Mind:

1. Communication Skills

- Discuss works of art.
- Describe works of art.
- Exhibit works of art.
- Use the visual arts as a form of communication.

2. Elements of Art and Principles of Design

- Describe how, interpret and compare.
- Perceive art in terms of the principles of art.
- Apply the elements and principles of art.
- Understand expressive features of the visual arts.

3. Manipulation and Observation- Process

- Observe and understand how.
- Use tools.
- Follow step by step.
- Measure and mix.

4. Values and Attitudes

- Reason why.
- Understand art in terms of art history.
- Question, investigate, and observe.

5. Critical Response Skills- Art Criticism and Aesthetics

- Ask "How do you know."
- Form useful questions, consider, and respond.
- Practice critical thinking.
- Inspect works of art.