

EXPLORING ART SYLLABUS

What is art? Discover artists and artistic styles that help define art. Practice using the elements and principles of art to create strong design. Find out about careers in art. Explore the use of many media and techniques such as woodcarving, clay, watercolor, acrylic paint, fibers, printmaking, plaster, junk sculpture, pastels, charcoal, and woodcarving. No experience necessary!

The semester class will partially fulfill the Visual Art Standards; to complete them, a student will need to take an additional semester of art.

Supplies Needed: No. 2 Drawing Pencil (not mechanical)

Eraser

Sketchbook (spiral bound is best; size 9" x 12" or larger)

Glue Stick

Colored Pencils

Required Assessments:

1. What is Art? (poster)
2. Review of Elements, Principles, and Art Vocabulary
3. Sketchbook Assignment
4. Written Analysis & Interpretation
5. Art Exhibit (Spring Art Show)
6. Persian Art (working with pattern)
7. Personal Journey (Star Wallowing Bull)
8. There's More Than One Way to Create a Picture (One Scene: Four Styles)
9. Artist Birthday Presentation
10. What Makes Art Work Successful?

In addition, the class will vote to decide which of the following assessments to complete:

1. Clay Coil Pot
2. Found Objects/Junk Sculpture (based on Oaxacan carvings)
3. Subtractive Sculpture (plaster carvings)
4. Textiles (crochet and/or weaving)
5. Printmaking
6. Cartooning
7. Acrylic Painting
8. Watercolor Painting
9. Other

Review Elements, Principles, and other Art Vocabulary

Student Name _____

Elements of Art

Draw a simple object seven times. Emphasize one Element of Art in each of the drawings.

____ 1. Each drawing emphasizes one Element of Art correctly. _____ 1.

____ Line ____ Value ____ Space ____ Color ____ Shape ____ Texture ____ Form

____ 2. Each drawing is neatly crafted. _____ 2.

Principles of Design

Using the same subject as above, create fourteen compositions using a different Principle of Design in each one.

____ 1. The composition of each drawing correctly illustrates one Principle of Design correctly. _____ 1.

____ Realistic Proportion ____ Exaggerated Proportion ____ Formal Balance

____ Informal Balance ____ Radial Balance ____ Regular Rhythm

____ Random Rhythm ____ Flowing Rhythm ____ Progressive Rhythm

____ Alternating Rhythm ____ Emphasis ____ Variety ____ Movement ____ Harmony

____ 2. Each drawing is neatly crafted.

Color Schemes

Draw a composition using shapes only. Copy it so you have a total of seven drawings that are the same. Use acrylic paint to paint each composition using a different color scheme.

____ 1. Each composition uses one color scheme correctly. _____ 1.

____ Monochromatic ____ Analogous Colors ____ Complementary Colors

____ Color Triads ____ Split Complements ____ Warm Colors ____ Cool Colors

____ 2. Each composition is neatly crafted. _____ 2.

