

# Unit 1: The Elements of Art

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## **Art: Grade 4**

## **Unit 1: The Elements of Art**

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## **Unit Overview**

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Unit one focuses on the Elements of Art: line, shape, color, form, space, value, and texture.

This is a review unit that should be gone over quickly, focusing mainly on how to incorporate all the elements into artwork and process.

### **Elements of Art**

- Review the elements, define each and give examples of how they are used.
- Practice incorporating the elements together into one exercise.
- Review how understanding the elements has helped with previous artwork.

## **Exit Skills**

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By the end of Unit 1:

- All students will demonstrate an understanding of the Elements of Art by:
  - Naming all seven elements.
  - Defining and explaining all seven elements.
  - Using all seven elements in an exercise that reviews previous knowledge and prepares students for new endeavors.

## Enduring Understanding

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- All seven elements of art can be used in unison to create harmonious artwork.
- It is important to understand the basic fundamentals of art as a foundation for all art creation.
- Knowledge of the Elements of Art will help me to create successful artwork.

## Essential Questions

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- Why do the Elements of Art exist?
- How does the understanding of these elements make me a better artist?
- How do the Elements of Art help me to make a meaningful and visually pleasing artwork?
- How can the elements of art help me outside of the studio?

## Learning Objectives

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After completing the elements of art students will be able to:

**Recognize** the elements of art in artwork.

**Classify** which element is being used in artwork in which way.

**Defend** their use of each element within their artwork.

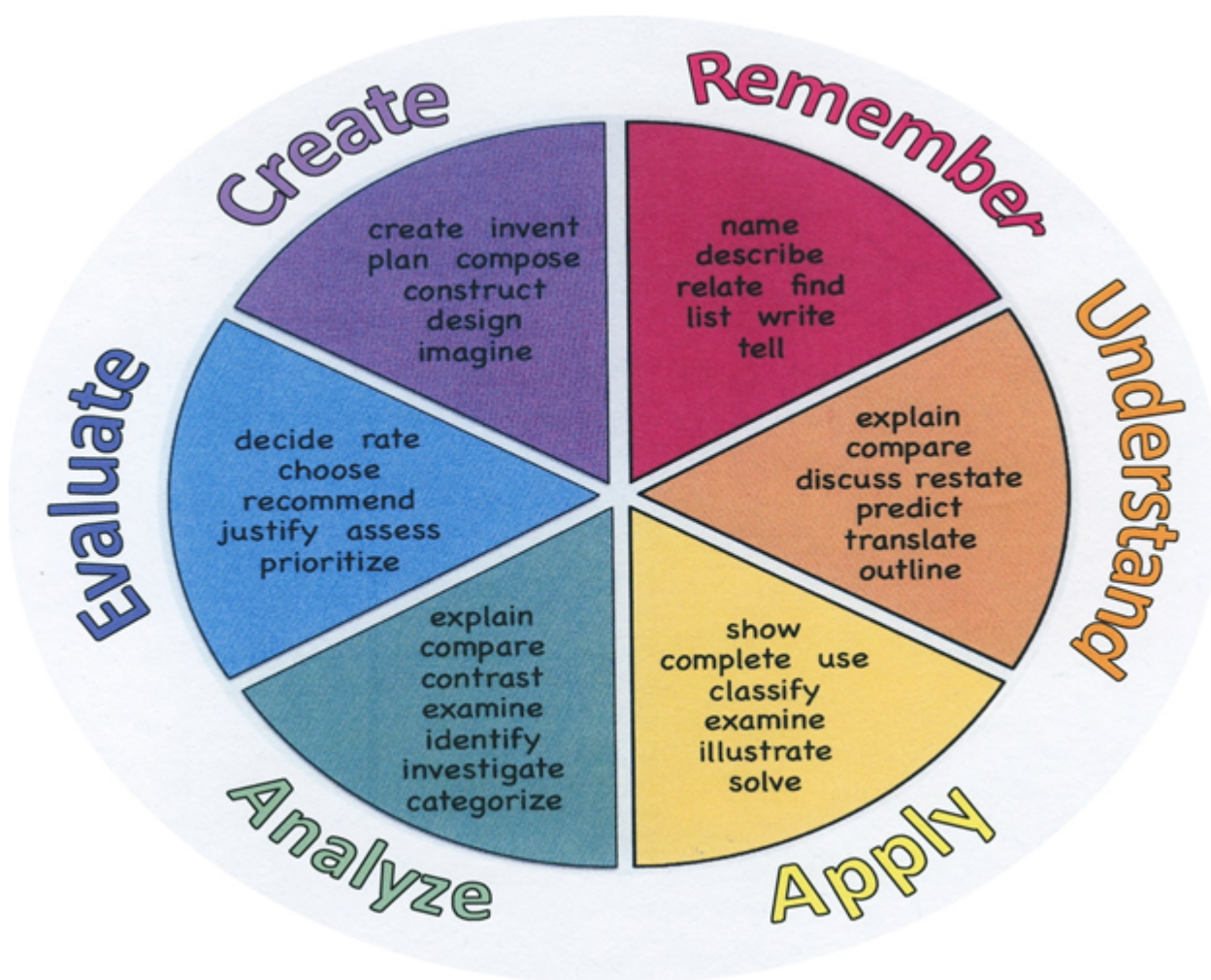
**Design** a work of art using all the elements in a harmonious manner.

### Action Verbs

Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy. These are useful in writing learning objectives, assignment objectives and exam questions.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent
Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play

Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



Please list all and any cross-curricular content standards that link to this Unit.

LA.RL.4.1	Refer to details and examples in a text and make relevant connections when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text.
LA.RL.4.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in literature.
MA.3.MD.D.8	Solve real world and mathematical problems involving perimeters of polygons, including finding the perimeter given the side lengths, finding an unknown side length, and exhibiting rectangles with the same perimeter and different areas or with the same area and different perimeters.
MA.3.G.A.1	Understand that shapes in different categories (e.g., rhombuses, rectangles, and others) may share attributes (e.g., having four sides), and that the shared attributes can define a larger category (e.g., quadrilaterals). Recognize rhombuses, rectangles, and squares as examples of quadrilaterals, and draw examples of quadrilaterals that do not belong to any of these subcategories.
LA.SL.4.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 4 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
HPE.2.1.4.D.1	Determine the characteristics of safe and unsafe situations and develop strategies to reduce the risk of injuries at home, school, and in the community (e.g., fire safety, poison safety, accident prevention).
HPE.2.1.4.D.4	Demonstrate simple first-aid procedures for choking, bleeding, burns, and poisoning.
HPE.2.1.4.E.4	Summarize the causes of stress and explain ways to deal with stressful situations.
HPE.2.2.4.A.2	Demonstrate effective interpersonal communication when responding to disagreements or conflicts with others.
SOC.6.1.4.B.1	Compare and contrast information that can be found on different types of maps and determine how the information may be useful.

## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

### **Key SUBJECTS AND 21st CENTURY THEMES**

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Mastery of key subjects and 21st century themes is essential for all students in the 21st century.

Key subjects include:

- English, reading or language arts
- World languages
- Arts
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Government and Civics

## **21st Century/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## **Technology Infusion**

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SmartBoard (where available), Projector, ipad, Computer, Internet for reference or websites with relevant art information.

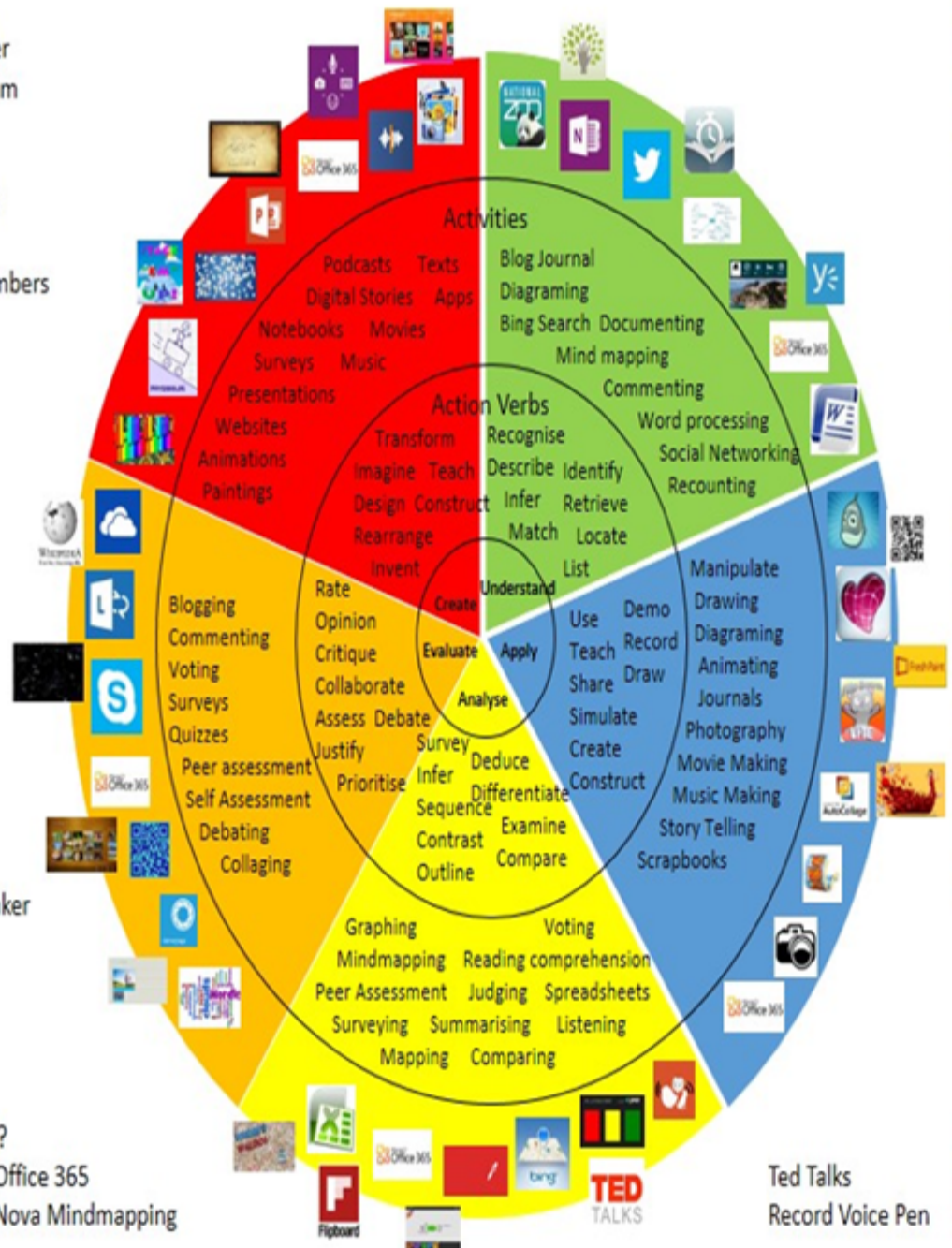
## Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
Photostory 3  
Kid Story Builder  
Music Maker Jam  
Paint A Story  
Office 365  
MS PowerPoint  
Stack 'Em Up  
NqSquared Numbers  
Physamajig  
Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
Skydrive  
Lync  
SkyMap  
Skype  
Office 365  
Puzzle Touch  
Easy QR  
Memorylage  
Life Moments  
Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
MS Excel  
Flipboard  
Office 365  
Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
Record Voice Pen



## Differentiation

As a Reminder:



The basis of good differentiation in a lesson lies in differentiating by content, process, and/or product.

Resources:

- As needed, provide more instruction that is on level or below grade level for the students who are struggling.
- Repeat directions as needed.
- Modified expectations for task completion.
- Project-based learning.
- Pairing oral instructions with visual.
- Monitor progress, reteach as needed, and extend student thinking.
- Utilize multiple intelligences teaching strategies.
- Added time to complete assignments.
- NJDOE: Instructional Supports and Scaffolds for Success in Implementing the Common Core State Standards <http://www.state.nj.us/education/modelcurriculum/success/math/k2/>

## **Special Education**

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- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multiple test sessions
- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments



- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **ELL**

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- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **Intervention Strategies**

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- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test

- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Evidence of Student Learning-CFU's**

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Please list ways educators may effectively check for understanding in this section.

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- KWL Chart
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit tests

## Primary Resources

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- Color Wheel poster, or printout
- School and town libraries
- Various internet websites for art education.

## Ancillary Resources

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- Pinterest, Pinterest.com
- Artsonia, Artsonia.com
- The Getty Institute, getty.edu
- WebArt, webart.com
- Internet, Virtual Museum Tours
- Hand-outs
- YouTube videos related to art history, artists, or art creation.

## Sample Lesson

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**Unit Name:** Elements of Art

**NJSLS:**

**VPA.1.1.5.D.1** - [*Cumulative Progress Indicator*] - Identify elements of art and principles of design that are evident in everyday life.

**VPA.1.2.5.A.2** - [*Cumulative Progress Indicator*] - Relate common artistic elements that define distinctive art genres in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

**VPA.1.3.5.D.1** - [*Cumulative Progress Indicator*] - Work individually and collaboratively to create two- and three-dimensional works of art that make cohesive visual statements and that employ the elements of art and principles of design.

**VPA.1.3.5.D.4** - [*Cumulative Progress Indicator*] - Differentiate drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, textiles, and computer imaging by the physical properties of the resulting artworks, and experiment with various art media and art mediums to create original works of art.

**VPA.1.4.5.B.2** - [*Cumulative Progress Indicator*] - Use evaluative tools, such as rubrics, for self-assessment and to appraise the objectivity of critiques by peers.

**Interdisciplinary Connection:** Math

**Statement of Objective:** SWDAT create radial designs by using compasses and rulers.

**Anticipatory Set/Do Now:** Has anyone used a compass before?

**Learning Activity:** Students will discuss what a compass is and how it is used. Demonstrate how to hold, and various techniques on use. Students will use the first few minutes of class practicing with the compasses.

Once they are feeling confident, students will use the compasses to create concentric circles that grow off the page. As soon as the page is covered with circles, the students will divide each group into eighths using rulers. Sharpie all lines. A wet on wet technique will be used to cover the page with watercolor paints. When the paint is dry, a pattern will be used to color in each section of the circles.

**Student Assessment/CFU's:** Describe, go-around.

**Materials:** 9x12" tag board, pencils, erasers, compasses, sharpies, watercolors, brushes, water.

**21st Century Themes and Skills:** Creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving.

**Differentiation:** Visual demonstrations and aides available for visual learners; Class discussion and explanation for auditory learners; Physical creation, hands-on work, for kinesthetic learners.

**Integration of Technology:** Examples will be shown on my computer, or my ipad, whenever applicable.