

# Unit 5: Pointillism

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## Fourth Grade Art Unit 5: Pointillism

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## **Unit Overview**

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Unit five focuses on the art of pointillism.

- Define pointillism as: an art form that uses tiny dots of various colors which become blended by the viewer's eye to create an image.
- Discuss optical mixing: when the viewer's eyes blend the colors in artwork.
- Examine pointillism artwork by various artists.
- Discuss how artists' knowledge of the elements of art can help make pointillism art stronger.
- Create artwork using pointillism concepts and techniques learned.
- Reference artists' work that uses pointillism. ie: Georges Seurat, Paul Signac, etc.

## **Enduring Understandings**

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- Artwork does not always have to be created with traditional application of color.
- Viewers' eyes will employ optical mixing to see the colors the artist was creating.
- The artist's knowledge of color theory will help the artist to create the colors they desire

## **Essential Questions**

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- How does the knowledge of color theory help artists?
- How does the eye see small amounts of colors next to each other?

## **Exit Skills**

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By the end of Unit 5:

- All students will demonstrate an understanding of pointillism by:
  - Defining pointillism.
  - Explain optical mixing.
  - Naming artists who employed pointillism in their artwork.
  - Explain how artists' knowledge of the elements of art can help make pointillism art stronger.
  - Creating artwork using pointillism concepts and techniques.

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL)**

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VPA.1.1.5.D.1	Identify elements of art and principles of design that are evident in everyday life.
VPA.1.1.5.D.2	Compare and contrast works of art in various mediums that use the same art elements and principles of design.
VPA.1.2.5.A.1	Recognize works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art as a reflection of societal values and beliefs.
VPA.1.2.5.A.2	Relate common artistic elements that define distinctive art genres in dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.2.5.A.3	Determine the impact of significant contributions of individual artists in dance, music, theatre, and visual art from diverse cultures throughout history.
VPA.1.3.5.D.1	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.2	Identify common and distinctive characteristics of artworks from diverse cultural and historical eras of visual art using age-appropriate stylistic terminology (e.g., cubist, surreal, optic, impressionistic), and experiment with various compositional approaches influenced by these styles.
VPA.1.3.5.D.3	Identify common and distinctive characteristics of genres of visual artworks (e.g., realism, surrealism, abstract/nonobjective art, conceptual art, and others) using age-appropriate terminology, and experiment with various compositional approaches influenced by these genres.
VPA.1.3.5.D.4	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.1.3.5.D.5	Collaborate in the creation of works of art using multiple art media and art mediums, and present the completed works in exhibition areas inside and outside the classroom.
VPA.1.4.5.A.1	Employ basic, discipline-specific arts terminology to categorize works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art according to established classifications.
VPA.1.4.5.A.2	Make informed aesthetic responses to artworks based on structural arrangement and personal, cultural, and historical points of view.
VPA.1.4.5.A.3	Demonstrate how art communicates ideas about personal and social values and is inspired by an individual's imagination and frame of reference (e.g., personal, social, political, historical context).
VPA.1.4.5.B.1	Assess the application of the elements of art and principles of design in dance, music, theatre, and visual artworks using observable, objective criteria.
VPA.1.4.5.B.2	Use evaluative tools, such as rubrics, for self-assessment and to appraise the objectivity of critiques by peers.

VPA.1.4.5.B.3	Use discipline-specific arts terminology to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.
VPA.1.4.5.B.4	Define technical proficiency, using the elements of the arts and principles of design.
VPA.1.4.5.B.5	Distinguish ways in which individuals may disagree about the relative merits and effectiveness of artistic choices in the creation and performance of works of dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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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.
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.

## Learning Objectives

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After completing pointillism students will be able to:

- **Describe** pointillism for viewers who have never seen it before.
- **Demonstrate** their knowledge of color theory by using it in their artwork.
- **Explain** visual color mixing.
- **Formulate** their own example of pointillism.

## Suggested Activities & Best Practices

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1. Show students famous pieces of art that use pointillism.
2. Have students create a gray scale using the pointillism technique.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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- Project (Summative)
- Portfolio (Benchmark)
- Participatory Assessment (Alternative)
- Peer Reviews (Formative)
- Sample Assessment: "Start each class with having students read and explain the goal for their pointillism projects that week."

In addition to the assessments listed above, the following assessments can be used to track progress:

- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- Define
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Self- assessments
- Think, Pair, Share
- Unit review/Test prep

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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

## **Ancillary Resources**

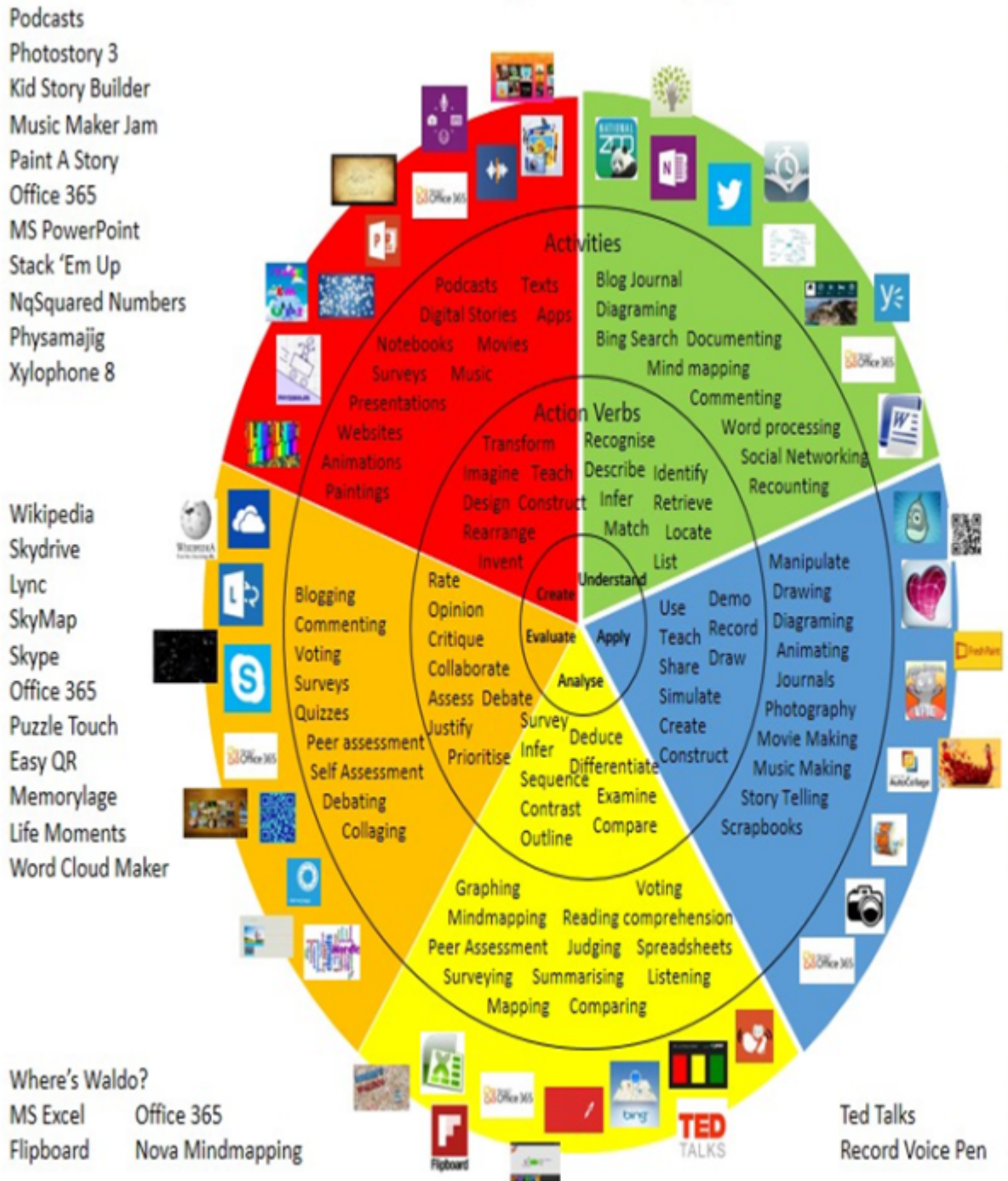
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- Pinterest, [Pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com)
- Artsonia, [Artsonia.com](https://www.artsonia.com)
- The Getty Institute, [getty.edu](https://www.getty.edu)
- WebArt, [webart.com](https://www.webart.com)
- Internet, Virtual Museum Tours
- Hand-outs
- YouTube videos related to art history, artists, or art creation.

## Technology Infusion

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

### Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel



Originally taken from <http://www.coetail.com/zimmer/files/2013/02/1Padagogy-Wheel.001.jpg>  
 And adapted for Windows 8.1 devices by Charlotte Beckhurst @CharBeckhurst

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

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Mastery and infusion of **21st Century Skills & Technology** and their Alignment to the core content areas is essential to student learning. The core content areas include:

- English Language Arts;
- Mathematics;
- Science and Scientific Inquiry (Next Generation);
- Social Studies, including American History, World History, Geography, Government and Civics, and Economics;
- World languages;
- Technology;
- Visual and Performing Arts.

TECH.8.1.5.A.1	Select and use the appropriate digital tools and resources to accomplish a variety of tasks including solving problems.
TECH.8.1.5.A.CS1	Understand and use technology systems
TECH.8.1.5.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.
TECH.8.1.5.B.1	Collaborative to produce a digital story about a significant local event or issue based on first-person interviews.
TECH.8.1.5.B.CS1	Apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas, products, or processes.
TECH.8.1.5.B.CS2	Create original works as a means of personal or group expression.
TECH.8.1.5.E.1	Use digital tools to research and evaluate the accuracy of, relevance to, and appropriateness of using print and non-print electronic information sources to complete a variety of tasks.

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

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- Media Literacy

CRP.K-12.CRP4.1 Career-ready individuals communicate thoughts, ideas, and action plans with clarity,

whether using written, verbal, and/or visual methods. They communicate in the workplace with clarity and purpose to make maximum use of their own and others' time. They are excellent writers; they master conventions, word choice, and organization, and use effective tone and presentation skills to articulate ideas. They are skilled at interacting with others; they are active listeners and speak clearly and with purpose. Career-ready individuals think about the audience for their communication and prepare accordingly to ensure the desired outcome.

CRP.K-12.CRP6.1

Career-ready individuals regularly think of ideas that solve problems in new and different ways, and they contribute those ideas in a useful and productive manner to improve their organization. They can consider unconventional ideas and suggestions as solutions to issues, tasks or problems, and they discern which ideas and suggestions will add greatest value. They seek new methods, practices, and ideas from a variety of sources and seek to apply those ideas to their own workplace. They take action on their ideas and understand how to bring innovation to an organization.

## 21st Century Skills

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Global Awareness

## Differentiation

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- When working on a project, students who are struggling with finishing a project will be given more time to do so.
- At the beginning of each class, to ensure that all students are aware of their goal, it will be written clearly on the board and read aloud.
- When working on a project for multiple weeks, an oral review of the work already completed to remind students of their progress will be given.

### Differentiations:

- **Extra time to complete assignments**
- **Repeat directions**
- **Use manipulatives**
- **Multisensory approaches**
- **Additional time**
- **Preview vocabulary**
- **Visual presentation**

### Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- **Independent research and projects**
- **Project-based learning**

### Lo-Prep Differentiations

- **Choice of books or activities**
- **Goal setting with students**
- **Varied supplemental materials**



## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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1. Have students work with bingo daubers or dotting tools to make pointillism project easier.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- check work frequently for understanding
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- multi-sensory presentation
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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1. Slower rate of speech and verbal emphasis on important phrases and directions, for example "dot" and "close"

2. Large visual instruction chart on the board, and preferential seating for student to view it.

- 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)
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- tutoring by peers

## **At Risk**

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1. Using bingo daubers or dotting tools to help students more easily create their pointillism projects.

2. Having student decide between making their pointillism project in black & white or in color.

- 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
- 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
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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1. Having students create small pointillism drawings in their sketchbooks.

- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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*Sample lesson located in Unit 1.*

Unit Name:

NJSLS:

Interdisciplinary Connection:

Statement of Objective:

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:

Learning Activity:

Student Assessment/CFU's:

Materials:

21st Century Themes and Skills:

Differentiation/Modifications:

Integration of Technology: