

# Unit 1: Line/Shape

Content Area: **Fine Arts**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**  
Length: **1-1.5 Week(s)**  
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## Brief Summary of Unit Line/Shape

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In alignment with the NJSLS-VPA, students will discover and learn about the elements of art. The elements of art are the basic building blocks of an artwork. Throughout this unit, students will explore and discover different types of lines and shapes, mark-making, and artists associated with lines and shapes. Artists include but are not limited to: Keith Haring, Piet Mondrain, Kindah Khalidy, Henri Matisse, Wassily Kandinsky, Vincent VanGogh, Jackson Pollack, Yayoi Kusama, Romero Britto, and Bridget Riley.

## Essential Questions

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- How does the artist's knowledge, understanding and skill in using lines and shapes affect the resulting artwork?
- How does knowledge and understanding of famous artists and artworks affect the artwork that is created?
- How does knowledge, understanding and skill of mark making, geometric shapes and organic shapes affect the artwork that is created?

## Standards

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ELD standards: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wdmsiGOdCHlrjU-WPvAtENnEgi0ESTZXo0uiFYv1Nu4/edit>

The identified standards reflect a developmental progression across grades/ levels and make interdisciplinary connections across content areas including social sciences, technology, career readiness, cultural awareness and global citizenship. The standards that follow are relevant to this course in addition to the associated content-based standards listed below.

LA.W.3.7. Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.

CRP.K-12.CRP6: Demonstrate creativity and innovation.

CRP.K-12.CRP8: Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

8.1 Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize

information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge

VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr	Creating
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr1	Generating and conceptualizing ideas.
	Explore
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr1a	Conceptualize early stages of the creative process, including applying methods to overcome creative blocks or take creative risks, and document the processes in traditional or new media.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr1b	Develop criteria, identify goals and collaboratively investigate an aspect of present-day life, using contemporary practice of art or design.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr2	Organizing and developing ideas.
	Investigate
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr2a	Demonstrate persistence and willingness to experiment and take risks during the artistic process.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr2b	Demonstrate an awareness of ethical responsibility as applied to artmaking including environmental implications, responsibility in sharing images online, appropriation, and intellectual property ethics.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr2c	Apply, organize and strategize methods for design and redesign of objects, places, systems, images and words to clearly communicate information to a diverse audience.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr3	Refining and completing products.
	Reflect, Refine, Continue
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr3a	Use criteria to examine, reflect on and plan revisions for a work of art, and create an artistic statement.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr	Presenting
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr4	Selecting, analyzing and interpreting work.
	Analyze
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr4a	Investigate and analyze ways artwork is presented, preserved and experienced, including use of evolving technology. Evaluate a collection or presentation based on this criterion.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr5	Developing and refining techniques and models or steps needed to create products.
	Select
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr5a	Individually or collaboratively prepare and present theme-based artwork for display and formulate exhibition narratives.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr6	Conveying meaning through art.
	Share
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr6a	Analyze how exhibitions in different venues communicate meaning and influence ideas, beliefs and experiences.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re	Responding
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re7	Perceiving and analyzing products.
	Perceive
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re7a	Explain how a person's aesthetic choices are influenced by culture and environment, and how they impact the way in which visual messages are perceived and conveyed.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re7b	Compare and contrast cultural and social contexts of visual arts and how they influence ideas and emotions.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re8	Interpreting intent and meaning.

	Interpret
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re8a	Interpret art by analyzing how the interaction of subject matter, characteristics of form and structure, use of media, art making approaches, and relevant contextual information contributes to understanding messages or ideas and mood conveyed.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re9	Applying criteria to evaluate products.
	Analyze
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re9a	Create a convincing and logical argument to support an evaluation of art. Explain the difference between personal and established criteria for evaluating artwork.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cn	Connecting
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cn10	Synthesizing and relating knowledge and personal experiences to create products.
	Synthesize
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cn10a	Generate ideas to make art individually or collaboratively to positively reflect a group's identity.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cn11	Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural and historical contexts to deepen understanding.
	Relate
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cn11a	Analyze and contrast how art forms are used to represent, establish, reinforce and reflect group identity and culture.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cn11b	Analyze and contrast how art forms are used to reflect global issues, including climate change.
WRK.K-12.P.4	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
TECH.9.4.8.CI	Creativity and Innovation
TECH.9.4.8.CT	Critical Thinking and Problem-solving

## **Enduring Understandings**

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- The various tools create different results
- Exploring and discovering various ways to create balance will improve artistic growth and produce a higher quality of artwork
- A line and shape reference sheet will assist and aid students when decision making and creating artwork
- Introduction of line and shape specific artists and artworks will expand student's knowledge to various times in history, cultures, and art eras

## **Students Will Know/ Students Will be Skilled At**

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- Knowing line and shape terminology
- Identifying and creating various lines and mark makings

- Identifying and creating geometric and organic shapes
- Knowing that lines can be varied in many ways
- Knowing the elements of art

## **Learning Plan**

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- Preview essential questions and objects, connecting to learning throughout the unit
- Introduce elements of art: Specifically line and shape terminology
- Practice creating variations in lines: line weight, straight lines, curvy lines, dotted lines (etc.)
- Practice creating geometric and organic shapes
- Discover line and shape artists from various art eras (Including but not limited to modern, contemporary, abstract expressionism, etc.)
- Introduce and create artwork specifically focusing on lines and shapes
- Perform formative and summative assessments
- Showcase artwork throughout the school and in district buildings

## **Evidence/Performance Tasks**

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Fine Arts students demonstrate differentiated proficiency according to their ability to answer the essential questions through formative and summative assessments. Evidence of progression may be demonstrated in divergent ways through the Artistic Process of Creating, Presenting/Producing, Connecting, and Responding.

Tasks will include:

- Experimenting with a wide range of mark making lines and shapes
- Creating a resource page with various lines and shapes
- Recording and comprehending important art terminologies and techniques associated with current and past units
- Participating in the art making process while applying design criterias and requirements
- Participating in formal and informal assessments

- Answering essential questions and meeting project objectives and deadlines

## **Materials**

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Materials:

The materials used in this course allow for integration of a variety of instructional, supplemental, and intervention materials that support student learners at all levels in the school and home environments. Associated web content and media sources are infused into the unit as applicable and available.

Sketchbook, Various Pencils, Sharpies, Markers, Various Papers, Various Erasers, Mirrors, Blending Sticks, Charcoal, Graphite, Sharpeners, Colored Pencils, Oil Pastel, Chalk Pastels, YouTube Videos, Value Scales, magazines, glue, scissors, Watercolors, Watercolor paper, and paint brushes.

## **Suggested Strategies for Modifications**

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This link includes content specific accommodations and modifications for all populations:

[Fine Arts Accommodations & Modifications](#)