

Unit 4: Figures and Portraits

Content Area: **Performing Arts**
Course(s):
Time Period:
Length: **Approximately 6 weeks**
Status: **Published**

State Mandated Topics Addressed in this Unit

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Figures and Portraits Summary

Unit 4, Figures and Portraits, closely investigates relationships between physical objects, or, proportion. Artists will learn concepts that allow and create standards in the human anatomy and face, such as the 8-Head Standard. Figure drawing will explore expressive poses that capture movement and mass in the human form through gestural drawings. This unit will look closely at portraiture throughout American art history from Charles Wilson Peele all the way to contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley. Artists will complete this unit and course with an in-class self portrait working from life. This final project will demand artists to call on their understanding and use of all the Elements of Art in a single work.

Learning Objectives

- Choose and use the appropriate material for sketching and gestural drawings
- Consider the presidential and historical American portraiture arts
- Consider the primary and secondary justifications and purposes of portraits and self portraits
- Define and identify mass and movement in the human form
- Define proportion and consider how it applies to the human figure and face
- Evaluate standards and standard measurements for the human figure and face
- Interpret and evaluate body language in works of art from history and contemporary art
- Render the human figure and face according to the 8-Head Standard and other measuring guides

Essential Skills

- Artists will be able to analyze and interpret artwork.
- Artists will be able to analyze the role and responsibility of an artist.
- Artists will be able to appropriately depict scale and proportion in the human figure and portrait.

- Artists will be able to compare and contrast periods of art movements.
- Artists will be able to critique and give constructive feedback on own artwork and artwork of others.
- Artists will be able to define, recognize, and apply the Elements of Art.
- Artists will be able to demonstrate strong skills in technical drawing.
- Artists will be able to develop a rich fine arts vocabulary.
- Artists will be able to discuss the roles of artists in local communities.
- Artists will be able to discuss the use of art as a form of visual communication.
- Artists will be able to display knowledge of various media and their properties.
- Artists will be able to examine art's place in the world.
- Artists will be able to examine self as an artist.
- Artists will be able to identify and apply color relationships using color theory.
- Artists will be able to properly and appropriately care for, store, and present artwork.
- Artists will be able to render 3-dimensionally on 2-dimensional planes.
- Artists will be able to safely use and store art materials.

Standards

VA.9-12.1.5.12acc.Cr2a	Through experimentation, practice and persistence, demonstrate acquisition of skills and knowledge in a chosen art form.
VA.9-12.1.5.12acc.Cr2c	Redesign an object, system, place, or design in response to contemporary issues.
VA.9-12.1.5.12acc.Cr3	Refining and completing products.
VA.9-12.1.5.12acc.Pr4a	Analyze, select and critique personal artwork for a collection or portfolio presentation.
VA.9-12.1.5.12acc.Cn10a	Utilize inquiry methods of observation, research and experimentation to explore other subjects through artmaking.

Instructional Tasks/Activities

Students will correctly demonstrate, perform, identify, discuss, analyze, compare:

- American portraiture response
- Art vocabulary activities and exercises
- Figurative drawing charcoal sketches packet
- Portrait from life drawing
- Portrait practice
- Portrait studies
- Self portrait in graphite drawing
- Standard proportion quiz

Assessment Procedure

- In class participation
- Classroom Total Participation Technique
- Classwork
- Cumulative portfolio
- Essay
- Exit Ticket/Entrance Ticket/Do Now
- Friday sketch club
- In class projects
- Journal / Student Reflection
- Kahoot
- Midterms and finals
- Other named in lesson
- Peer Review
- Problem Correction
- Project
- Quiz
- Quizzes and tests
- Research projects
- Rubric
- Sketchbook checks
- Teacher Collected Data
- Teacher observation
- Test
- Worksheet
- Written and verbal critiques

Recommended Technology Activities

- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Google Classroom
- Google Docs
- Google Slides
- Google Slides
- Kahoot
- MagicSchool AI
- Other- Specified in Lesson
- Quiziz
- Use Google Docs to complete written assignments, critiques, and manage project tracking goals

Accommodations & Modifications & Differentiation

Accommodations and Modifications should be used to meet individual needs. Their IEP and 504 plans should be used in addition to the following suggestions.

Special Education

Modifications and accommodations to this unit will be based on individual IEP needs and through the collaboration of the classroom teacher and the special education teacher under the direction of the Supervisor of Special Education.

Gifted and Talented

- Compare & Contrast
- Conferencing
- Debates
- Jigsaw
- Peer Partner Learning
- Problem Solving
- Structured Controversy
- Think, Pair, Share
- Tutorial Groups

Differentiation

- color code materials
- eliminate answers
- extended time
- large print
- modified quiz
- modified test
- Modify Assignments as Needed
- Modify/Repeat/Model directions
- necessary assignments only

- Other (specify in plans)
- other- named in lesson
- provide assistance and cues for transitions
- provide daily assignment list
- read class materials orally
- reduce work load
- shorten assignments
- study guide/outline
- utilize multi-sensory modes to reinforce instruction

Environment

- alter physical room environment
- assign peer tutors/work buddies/note takers
- assign preferential seating
- individualized instruction/small group
- modify student schedule (Describe)
- other- please specify in plans
- provide desktop list/formula

Honors Modifications

Resources

- Art of Nineteenth Century Europe
- Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain
- Line of Action Figure Drawing guide
- National Gallery of Art
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art website
- The Moma website
- The Moma World Reference
- The Secret Language of the Renaissance: Decoding the Symbolism of Italian Art
- The Secret Lives of Famous Artists
- The Sketch Daily
- The World Art Reference Guide
- Visual Reference Guide: Mythology
- Visual Reference Guide: World History

Unit Vocabulary

- 8-Head Standard
- Figure drawing
- Form
- Gesture
- Mass
- Movement
- Portrait
- Portraiture
- Proportion
- Scale
- Self-portrait
- Volume

Artistic Materials

- Chalk pastels
- Charcoal
- Graphite drawing pencils
- Mirrors

Unit Artists

- Amy Sherald
- Charles Wilson Peele
- Chuck Close
- John Singer Sargent
- Kehinde Wiley
- Renee Foulks

Teaching Strategies

- In class assignments will produce works of art that reflect thoughtful consideration of concept in addition to skill building with a variety of fine arts materials.
- Meaningful instruction will be given using PowerPoint notes and presentations, hand out worksheets, art process and technique demonstrations, and modeling thought and creative processes.
- Sketchbook assignments and daily warm ups will reinforce classroom knowledge and build on prior understandings.

- Various teaching methods and techniques will be utilized in this course.