

# Unit 1: Elements of Art

Content Area: **Performing Arts**  
Course(s):  
Time Period:  
Length: **Approximately 3 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## State Mandated Topics Addressed in this Unit

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## Elements of Art Summary

Unit #1 delineates the Elements of Art, or the building blocks to the visual arts. The Elements of Art provide artists with a common language and standard for evaluating, discussing, and creating artwork.

## Learning Objectives

- Consider how value contributes to form
- Create a five part value scale using drawing pencils
- Create a value scale using line
- Create varied types of line using an array of materials
- Define the elements of art and identify them in famous works of art as well as their own
- Employ observational skills
- Identify properties of drawing pencils
- Use art related vocabulary to describe and discuss artwork
- Use visual structures and functions of art to communicate ideas

## Essential Skills

- Artist will be able to display knowledge of various media and their properties.
- 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 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

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VPA.1.1.12.D.1	Distinguish innovative applications of the elements of art and principles of design in visual artworks from diverse cultural perspectives and identify specific cross-cultural themes.
VPA.1.3.12.D.2	Produce an original body of artwork in one or more art mediums that demonstrates mastery of visual literacy, methods, techniques, and cultural understanding.
VPA.1.4.5.B.4	Define technical proficiency, using the elements of the arts and principles of design.
VPA.1.4.8.B.1	Evaluate the effectiveness of a work of art by differentiating between the artist’s technical proficiency and the work’s content or form.
VPA.1.4.12.A.3	Develop informed personal responses to an assortment of artworks across the four arts disciplines (dance, music, theatre, and visual art), using historical significance, craftsmanship, cultural context, and originality as criteria for assigning value to the works.
VPA.1.4.12.A.4	Evaluate how exposure to various cultures influences individual, emotional, intellectual, and kinesthetic responses to artwork.

## Instructional Tasks/Activities

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

- Contour “One Liners” practice
- Line Design Animals/Portraits
- Line practice chart
- Shape practice chart
- Value Still Life

## Assessment Procedure

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- In class participation
- In class projects

- Sketchbook checks
- Classroom Total Participation Technique
- Classwork
- Daily Draw warm ups
- DBQ
- Essay
- Exit Ticket/Entrance Ticket/Do Now
- Journal / Student Reflection
- Kahoot
- Midterms and finals
- Other named in lesson
- Peer Review
- Performance
- Problem Correction
- Project
- Quiz
- Quizzes and tests
- Research projects
- Rubric
- Teacher Collected Data
- Teacher observation
- Test
- Worksheet
- Written and verbal critiques

## **Recommended Technology Activities**

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- Appropriate Content Specific Online Resource
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- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Copy/Paste Content Specific Link Here
- Gimkit
- GoGuardian
- Google Classroom
- Google Docs
- Google Slides
- Google Slides
- Kahoot

- MagicSchool AI
- Other- Specified in Lesson
- Quiziz
- Screencastify
- Use Chromebooks to research animals for reference images.

## **Accommodations & Modifications & Differentiation**

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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**

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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**

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

## **Instruction/Materials**

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- alter format of materials (type/highlight, etc.)
- color code materials
- eliminate answers
- extended time
- 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**

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- 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**

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## **Teaching Strategies**

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- Meaningful instruction will be given using PowerPoint notes and presentations, hand out worksheets, art process and technique demonstrations, and modeling thought and creative processes.
- In class assignments will produce works of art that reflect thoughtful consideration of concepts in addition to skill building with a variety of fine arts materials.
- 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.

## Resources

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- [Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain](#)
- [Graffiti School](#)
- [Internet](#)
- [Juxtapoz Magazine and Juxtapoz.com](#)
- [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 Lives of Famous Artists](#)
- [The Sketch Daily](#)
- [The World Art Reference Guide](#)