

# Sept. Gr.7 Unit 1 ART

Content Area: **Art**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **September**  
Length: **4-5 Weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Overview

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Art as personal reflection: reflect on own characteristics,

## Enduring Understandings

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Art is created to reflect the artist and the artists feelings and interpretation of the world.

## Essential Questions

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What metaphors can symbolically represent those characteristics?

## Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

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Objectives	Suggested Activities	Evaluations	Resources
Art as personal reflection: reflect on own characteristics,  What metaphors can symbolically represent those characteristics  Art imitating nature  Students will create a personal botanical that	Students will choose an object from an assortment of both natural and human-made materials.  Looking at the object, the student will be asked to imagine they are a seed in the dirt, they feel the sun and grow toward it. As they push themselves upward what do they look like, wavy? Straight, thorns or furry stems and leaves. When they bloom, what does the flower or whatever	Peer critique  Teacher observation  Rubric	Smart board slide show of various artwork imitating nature

symbolically describes themselves	holds the seed look like?.....  Students draw this image first in pencil in his/her sketchbook, then in color on 24x36 white paper		
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## **Integration of Career Readiness, Life Literacies and Key Skills**

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WRK.9.2.8.CAP	Career Awareness and Planning
TECH.9.4.8.CI	Creativity and Innovation
TECH.9.4.8.CT	Critical Thinking and Problem-solving
TECH.9.4.8.DC.5	<p>Manage digital identity and practice positive online behavior to avoid inappropriate forms of self-disclosure.</p> <p>Multiple solutions often exist to solve a problem.</p> <p>An essential aspect of problem solving is being able to self-reflect on why possible solutions for solving problems were or were not successful.</p> <p>An individual's strengths, lifestyle goals, choices, and interests affect employment and income.</p> <p>Gathering and evaluating knowledge and information from a variety of sources, including global perspectives, fosters creativity and innovative thinking.</p>

## **Technology and Design Integration**

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Students will interact with the unit using the Smartboard.

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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LA.L.7.5	Demonstrate understanding of figurative language, word relationships, and nuances in word meanings.
LA.SL.7.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 7 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.

## **Differentiation**

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- Understand that gifted students, just like all students, come to school to learn and be challenged.
- Pre-assess your students. Find out their areas of strength as well as those areas you may need to address before students move on.

- Consider grouping gifted students together for at least part of the school day.
- Plan for differentiation. Consider pre-assessments, extension activities, and compacting the curriculum.
- Use phrases like "You've shown you don't need more practice" or "You need more practice" instead of words like "qualify" or "eligible" when referring to extension work.
- Encourage high-ability students to take on challenges. Because they're often used to getting good grades, gifted students may be risk averse.
- **Definitions of Differentiation Components:**
  - Content – the specific information that is to be taught in the lesson/unit/course of instruction.
  - Process – how the student will acquire the content information.
  - Product – how the student will demonstrate understanding of the content.
  - Learning Environment – the environment where learning is taking place including physical location and/or student grouping

### **Differentiation occurring in this unit:**

Student choice differentiates the creation of the artwork.

For Gifted:

Encourage students to explore concepts in depth and encourage independent studies or investigations. Use thematic instruction to connect learning across the curriculum. Encourage creative expression and thinking by allowing students to choose how to approach a problem or assignment. Expand students' time for free reading. Invite students to explore different points of view on a topic of study and compare the two. Provide learning centers where students are in charge of their learning. Brainstorm with gifted children on what types of projects they would like to explore to extend what they're learning in the classroom. Determine where students' interests lie and capitalize on their inquisitiveness. Refrain from having them complete more work in the same manner. Employ differentiated curriculum to keep interest high. Avoid drill and practice activities. Ask students' higher level questions that require students to look into causes, experiences, and facts to draw a conclusion or make connections to other areas of learning. If possible, compact curriculum to allow gifted students to move more quickly through the material. Encourage students to make transformations- use a common task or item in a different way. From <http://www.bsu.edu/web/lshasky/Forms/Interventions/Gifted.pdf>

## **Modifications & Accommodations**

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IEP's and 504's as required.

Refer to QSAC EXCEL SMALL SPED ACCOMMODATIONS spreadsheet in this discipline.

**Modifications and Accommodations used in this unit:**

## **Benchmark Assessments**

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**Benchmark Assessments** are given periodically (e.g., at the end of every quarter or as frequently as once per month) throughout a school year to establish baseline achievement data and measure progress toward a standard or set of academic standards and goals.

### **Schoolwide Benchmark assessments:**

Aimsweb benchmarks 3X a year

Linkit Benchmarks 3X a year

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### **Additional Benchmarks used in this unit:**

Teacher record of growth when using medium

## **Formative Assessments**

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Assessment allows both instructor and student to monitor progress towards achieving learning objectives, and can be approached in a variety of ways. **Formative assessment** refers to tools that identify misconceptions, struggles, and learning gaps along the way and assess how to close those gaps. It includes effective tools for helping to shape learning, and can even bolster students' abilities to take ownership of their learning when they understand that the goal is to improve learning, not apply final marks (Trumbull and Lash, 2013). It can include students assessing themselves, peers, or even the instructor, through writing, quizzes, conversation, and more. In short, formative assessment occurs throughout a class or course, and seeks to improve student achievement of learning objectives through approaches that can support specific student needs (Theal and Franklin, 2010, p. 151).

### **Formative Assessments used in this unit:**

Peer critique

Teacher observation

Rubric

## **Summative Assessments**

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**summative assessments** evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program. Summative assessments are almost always formally graded and often heavily weighted (though they do not need to be). Summative assessment can be used to great effect in conjunction and alignment with formative assessment, and instructors can consider a variety of

ways to combine these approaches.

### **Summative assessments for this unit:**

Peer critique

Teacher observation

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## **Instructional Materials**

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Smart board slide show of various artwork imitating nature

## **Standards**

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VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr	Creating
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr	Presenting
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re	Responding
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr1	Generating and conceptualizing ideas.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Pr6	Conveying meaning through art.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re8	Interpreting intent and meaning.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Re9	Applying criteria to evaluate products.
VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cn11	Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural and historical contexts to deepen understanding.
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.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.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.Pr6a	Analyze how exhibitions in different venues communicate meaning and influence ideas, beliefs and experiences.

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.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.Re9a	Create a convincing and logical argument to support an evaluation of art. Explain the difference between personal and established criteria for evaluating artwork.
	<p>Explore</p> <p>Analyze</p> <p>Investigate</p> <p>Reflect, Refine, Continue</p> <p>Share</p>