

Specials 6-8 Template Copied on: 05/08/25

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Unit Overview

In this unit, students will explore printmaking, and apply the elements of art and design.

Enduring Understandings

Printmaking is an indirect method of creating artwork in multiples.

Essential Questions

To what extent do artists appropriate industrial and commercial technologies to create artwork?

How has the use of technology expanded our understanding of what is art?

How does knowledge and understanding of a variety of artists, art genres, processes and materials allow for greater creative expression?

How does printmaking differ from other two dimensional artwork, such as drawing and painting?

To what extent does printmaking make artwork accessible to a wide audience?

Learning Objectives

Utilize the principles of design and elements of art.

Incorporate different genres, processes, and skills to create art.

Demonstrate the art technique of printmaking.

Utilize all necessary tools and materials to create art.

Employ appropriate vocabulary for this unit.

Describe, analyze, interpret, and judge their abstract art, the art of master artists and their peers.

Standards: Content

VA.6-8.1.5.8.Cr1

Generating and conceptualizing ideas.

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.Pr5a	Individually or collaboratively prepare and present theme-based artwork for display and formulate exhibition narratives.
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.

Standards: Interdisciplinary

ELA.W.RW.7.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
ELA.W.RW.8.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
ELA.SL.PE.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.
ELA.W.RW.6.7	Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, metacognition/self-correction, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.
ELA.SL.PE.8.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
ELA.SL.PE.6.1	Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher-led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.
SOC.6.3.8.CivicsDP.1	Identify an issue of inequality, develop multiple solutions, and communicate the best one to an appropriate government body.
SCI.MS-ETS1-4	Develop a model to generate data for iterative testing and modification of a proposed object, tool, or process such that an optimal design can be achieved.
CS.6-8.8.2.8.ITH.1	Explain how the development and use of technology influences economic, political, social, and cultural issues.
TECH.9.4.5.IML.1	Evaluate digital sources for accuracy, perspective, credibility and relevance (e.g., Social Studies Practice - Gathering and Evaluating Sources).
TECH.9.4.5.IML.7	Evaluate the degree to which information meets a need including social emotional learning, academic, and social (e.g., 2.2.5. PF.5).

Assessment Evidence

Formative	Class discussions, in-class activities, teacher observation, Do Nows, Exit Slips, Formative Rubrics
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Summative	Projects, Tests, Unit Rubrics, Benchmark Rubrics, Anecdotal Notes, Visual Self-Assessment
Alternative & Benchmark	Alternative – Project Based Learning, Graphic Organizers, Student Portfolio Benchmark – Teacher generated project or assessment Formative, Summative, Alternative and Benchmark Assessments
Assessment Evidence Resource	

Instructional Resources

Textbooks, Maps, Laptops, Smart Board, Primary & Secondary Source Documents, Elements and Principles of Design Posters, Internet Prints, Sample projects, Drawing for Older Children and Teens, Color Wheels, Scratchboard, Scratching sticks, Picture files, Colored pencils, Sample “Food” tracers, Markers, White 12”x18” drawing paper, Pencils, French Curves, Templates, Rulers, Computers, Printer, Projector/SmartBoard, Stencils, Freezer paper, tape, waxed stencil paper or acetate, tempera paint, acrylic paint, or screen-printing ink, paint brushes, stencil brushes, sponges, scissors Internet www.paintings.name www.brainpop.com <http://school.nettrekker.com/visualarts>, [Artists & Art, Instructional Resource List](#)

Curricular Mandates

Below are the curricular requirements as defined in NJ Administrative Code and Statute

Amistad	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Holocaust	LGBT and Disabilities (Grades 6-12)
Climate Change	Asian American & Pacific Islander

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies

[NJ Social and Emotional Learning Competencies & Sub-Competencies](#)

	Self-Awareness		Relationship Skills
X	Responsible Decision-Making		Social Awareness
	Self-Management		

21st Century Skills & Themes

X	Global and Cultural Awareness	Technology Literacy	Planning and Budgeting
X	Creativity and Innovation	Financial Institutions	Risk Management and Insurance
	Information and Media Literacy	Digital Citizenship	Economic and Government Influences
X	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	Credit Profile	Career Awareness and Planning
	Civic Financial Responsibility	Financial Psychology	