

COMMON CORE STANDARDS FOR VISUAL ARTS

For Lesson:



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VISUAL ARTS

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VA:Cr1.1.Ka

- ☐ Engage in exploration and imaginative play with materials.

VA:Cr1.2.Ka

- ☐ Engage collaboratively in creative art-making in response to an artistic problem.

VA:Cr2.1.Ka

- ☐ Through experimentation, build skills in various media and approaches to art-making.

VA:Cr2.2.Ka

- ☐ Identify safe and non-toxic art materials, tools, and equipment.

VA:Cr2.3.Ka

- ☐ Create art that represents natural and constructed environments.

VA:Cr3.1.Ka

- ☐ Share and talk about personal artwork.

VA:Pr4.1.Ka

- ☐ Identify reasons for saving and displaying objects, artifacts, and artwork.

VA:Pr5.1.Ka

- ☐ Identify places where art may be displayed or saved.

VA:Pr6.1.Ka

- ☐ Identify where art is displayed both inside and outside of school.

VA:Re.7.1.Ka

- ☐ Identify uses of art within one's personal environment.

VA:Re.7.2.Ka

- ☐ Describe what an image represents.

VA:Re8.1.Ka

- ☐ Interpret art by identifying and describing subject matter.

VA:Re9.1.Ka

- ☐ Select a preferred artwork.

VA:Cn10.1.Ka

- ☐ Explore the world using descriptive and expressive words and art-making.

VA:Cn11.1.Ka

- ☐ Recognize that people make art.



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VISUAL ARTS

FIRST GRADE

VA:Cr1.1.1a

- ☐ Engage collaboratively in exploration and imaginative play with materials.

VA:Cr1.2.1a

- ☐ Use observation and investigation in preparation for making a work of art.

VA:Cr2.1.1a

- ☐ Explore uses of materials and tools to create works of art or design.

VA:Cr2.2.1a

- ☐ Demonstrate safe and proper procedures for using materials, tools, and equipment while making art.

VA:Cr2.3.1a

- ☐ Identify and classify uses of everyday objects through drawings, diagrams, sculptures, or other visual means.

VA:Cr3.1.1a

- ☐ Explain the process of making art while creating.

VA:Pr4.1.1a

- ☐ Select art objects for personal portfolio and display, explaining why they were chosen.

VA:Pr5.1.1a

- ☐ Explain the purpose of a portfolio or collection.

VA:Pr6.1.1a

- ☐ Explain what an art museum is and distinguish how an art museum is different from other buildings

VA:Re.7.1.1a

- ☐ Select and describe works of art that illustrate daily life experiences of one's self and others.

VA:Re.7.2.1a

- ☐ Compare images that represent the same subject.

VA:Re8.1.1a

- ☐ Interpret art by identifying subject matter and describing relevant details.

VA:Re9.1.1a

- ☐ Explain reasons for selecting a preferred artwork.

VA:Cn10.1.1a

- ☐ Create art that tells a story about a life experience.

VA:Cn11.1.1a

- ☐ Identify a purpose of an artwork.



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SECOND GRADE

VA:Cr1.1.2a

- ☐ Brainstorm collaboratively multiple approaches to an art or design problem.

VA:Cr1.2.2a

- ☐ Make art or design with various materials and tools to explore personal interests, questions, and curiosity.

VA:Cr2.1.2a

- ☐ Experiment with various materials and tools to explore personal interests in a work of art or design.

VA:Cr2.2.2a

- ☐ Demonstrate safe procedures for using and cleaning art tools, equipment, and studio spaces.

VA:Cr2.3.2a

- ☐ Repurpose objects to make something new.

VA:Cr3.1.2a

- ☐ Use art vocabulary to describe choices while creating art.

VA:Pr4.1.2a

- ☐ Explain why some objects, artifacts, and artwork are valued over others.

VA:Pr5.1.2a

- ☐ Ask and answer questions such as where, when, why, and how artwork should be prepared for presentation or preservation.

VA:Pr6.1.2a

- ☐ Identify the roles and responsibilities of people who work in and visit museums and other art venues.

VA:Re.7.1.2a

- ☐ Perceive and describe aesthetic characteristics of one's natural world and constructed environments.

VA:Re8.1.2a

- ☐ Interpret art by categorizing subject matter and identifying the characteristics of form.

VA:Re9.1.2a

- ☐ Classify artwork based on different reasons for preferences.

VA:Cn10.1.2a

- ☐ Identify times, places, and reasons by which students make art outside of school.

VA:Cn11.1.2a

- ☐ Understand that people from different places and times have made art for a variety of reasons.



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THIRD GRADE

VA:Cr1.1.3a

- ☐ Elaborate on an imaginative idea.

VA:Cr1.2.3a

- ☐ Apply knowledge of available resources, tools, and technologies to investigate personal ideas through the art-making process.

VA:Cr2.1.3a

- ☐ Create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials.

VA:Cr2.2.3a

- ☐ Demonstrate an understanding of the safe and proficient use of materials, tools, and equipment for a variety of artistic processes.

VA:Cr2.3.3a

- ☐ Individually or collaboratively construct representations, diagrams, or maps of places that are part of everyday life.

VA:Cr3.1.3a

- ☐ Discuss and reflect with peers about choices made in creating artwork.

VA:Pr4.1.3a

- ☐ Categorize artwork based on a theme or concept for an exhibit.

VA:Pr5.1.3a

- ☐ Distinguish between different materials or artistic techniques for preparing artwork for presentation.

VA:Pr6.1.3a

- ☐ Analyze how art exhibited inside and outside of schools (such as in museums, galleries, virtual spaces, and other venues) contributes to communities.

VA:Re.7.1.3a

- ☐ Speculate about processes an artist uses to create a work of art.

VA:Re.7.2.3a

- ☐ Determine messages communicated by an image.

VA:Re8.1.3a

- ☐ Interpret art by identifying the mood suggested by a work of art and describing relevant subject matter and characteristics of form.

VA:Re9.1.3a

- ☐ Use learned art vocabulary to express preferences about artwork.

VA:Cn10.1.3a

- ☐ Create works of art about events in home, school, or community life.

VA:Cn11.1.3a

- ☐ Compare and contrast cultural uses of artwork from different times and places.



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FOURTH GRADE

VA:Cr1.1.4a

- ☐ Brainstorm multiple approaches to a creative art or design problem.

VA:Cr1.2.4a

- ☐ Collaboratively set goals and create artwork that is meaningful and has purpose to the makers.

VA:Cr2.1.4a

- ☐ Explore and invent art-making techniques and approaches.

VA:Cr2.2.4a

- ☐ When making works of art, utilize and care for materials, tools, and equipment in a manner that prevents danger to oneself and others.

VA:Cr2.3.4a

- ☐ Document, describe, and represent regional constructed environments.

VA:Cr3.1.4a

- ☐ Elaborate visual information by adding details in an artwork to enhance emerging meaning.

VA:Pr4.1.4a

- ☐ Investigate and discuss possibilities and limitations of spaces, including electronic, for exhibiting artwork.

VA:Pr5.1.4a

- ☐ Identify exhibit space and prepare works of art including artists' statements, for presentation.

VA:Pr6.1.4a

- ☐ Identify and explain how and where different cultures record and illustrate stories and history of life through art.

VA:Re.7.1.4a

- ☐ Compare responses to a work of art before and after working in similar media.

VA:Re.7.2.4a

- ☐ Analyze components in visual imagery that convey messages.

VA:Re8.1.4a

- ☐ Interpret art by analyzing use of media to create subject matter, characteristics of form, and mood.

VA:Re9.1.4a

- ☐ Evaluate an artwork based on given criteria.

VA:Cn10.1.4a

- ☐ Develop a work of art based on observations of surroundings.

VA:Cn11.1.4a

- ☐ Recognize that responses to art change depending on knowledge of the time and place in which it was made.



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FIFTH GRADE

VA:Cr1.1.5a

- ☐ Combine ideas to generate an innovative idea for art-making.

VA:Cr1.2.5a

- ☐ Identify and demonstrate diverse methods of artistic investigation to choose an approach for beginning a work of art.

VA:Cr2.1.5a

- ☐ Experiment and develop skills in multiple art-making techniques and approaches through practice.

VA:Cr2.2.5a

- ☐ Demonstrate quality craftsmanship through care for and use of materials, tools, and equipment.

VA:Cr2.3.5a

- ☐ Identify, describe, and visually document places and/or objects of personal significance.

VA:Cr3.1.5a

- ☐ Revise artwork in progress on the basis of insights gained through peer discussion.

VA:Pr4.1.5a

- ☐ Analyze how past, present, and emerging technologies have impacted the preservation and presentation of artwork.

VA:Pr5.1.5a

- ☐ Analyze the various considerations for presenting and protecting art in various locations, indoor or outdoor settings, in temporary or permanent forms, and in physical or digital formats.

VA:Pr6.1.5a

- ☐ Compare and contrast purposes of art museums, art galleries, and other venues, as well as the types of personal experiences they provide.

VA:Re.7.1.5a

- ☐ Compare one's own interpretation of a work of art with the interpretation of others.

VA:Re.7.2.5a

- ☐ Identify and analyze cultural associations suggested by visual imagery.

VA:Re8.1.5a

- ☐ Interpret art by referring to contextual information and analyzing relevant subject matter, characteristics of form, and use of media.

VA:Re9.1.5a

- ☐ Apply one set of criteria to evaluate more than one work of art.

VA:Cn10.1.5a

- ☐ Create works of art that reflect community cultural traditions.

VA:Cn11.1.5a

- ☐ Through observation, infer information about time, place, and culture in which a work of art was created.



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SIXTH GRADE

VA:Cr1.1.6a

- ☐ Combine concepts collaboratively to generate innovative ideas for creating art.

VA:Cr1.2.6a

- ☐ Formulate an artistic investigation of personally relevant content for creating art.

VA:Cr2.1.6a

- ☐ Demonstrate openness in trying new ideas, materials, methods, and approaches in making works of art and design.

VA:Cr2.2.6a

- ☐ Explain environmental implications of conservation, care, and clean-up of art materials, tools, and equipment.

VA:Cr2.3.6a

- ☐ Design or redesign objects, places, or systems that meet the identified needs of diverse users.

VA:Cr3.1.6a

- ☐ Create artist statements using art vocabulary to describe personal choices in art-making.

VA:Pr4.1.6a

- ☐ Define the roles and responsibilities of a curator, explaining the skills and knowledge needed in preserving, maintaining, and presenting objects, artifacts, and artwork.

VA:Pr5.1.6a

- ☐ Develop a logical argument for safe and effective use of materials and techniques for preparing and presenting artwork.

VA:Pr6.1.6a

- ☐ Cite evidence about how an exhibition in a museum or other venue presents ideas and provides information about a specific concept or topic.

VA:Re.7.1.6a

- ☐ Identify and interpret works of art or design that reveal how people live around the world and what they value.

VA:Re.7.2.6a

- ☐ Analyze ways that visual components and cultural associations suggested by images influence ideas, emotions, and actions.

VA:Re8.1.6a

- ☐ Interpret art by analyzing characteristics of form and structure, contextual information, subject matter, visual elements, and use of media to identify ideas and mood conveyed.

VA:Re9.1.6a

- ☐ Recognize differences in criteria used to evaluate works of art depending on styles, genres, and media as well as historical and cultural contexts.

VA:Cn10.1.6a

- ☐ Apply formal and conceptual vocabularies of art and design to view surroundings in new ways through art-making.

VA:Cn11.1.6a

- ☐ Identify how art is used to inform or change beliefs, values, or behaviors of an individual or society.



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SEVENTH GRADE

VA:Cr1.1.7a

- ☐ Apply methods to overcome creative blocks.

VA:Cr1.2.7a

- ☐ Develop criteria to guide making a work of art or design to meet an identified goal.

VA:Cr2.1.7a

- ☐ Demonstrate persistence in developing skills with various materials, methods, and approaches in creating works of art or design.

VA:Cr2.2.7a

- ☐ Demonstrate awareness of ethical responsibility to oneself and others when posting and sharing images and other materials through the Internet, social media, and other communication formats.

VA:Cr2.3.7a

- ☐ Apply visual organizational strategies to design and produce a work of art, design, or media that clearly communicates information or ideas.

VA:Cr3.1.7a

- ☐ Reflect on whether personal artwork conveys the intended meaning and revise accordingly.

VA:Pr4.1.7a

- ☐ Analyze similarities and differences associated with preserving and presenting two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and digital artwork.

VA:Pr5.1.7a

- ☐ Individually or collaboratively, develop a visual plan for displaying works of art, analyzing exhibit space, the needs of the viewer, and the layout of the exhibit.

VA:Pr6.1.7a

- ☐ Assess, explain, and provide evidence of how museums or other venues reflect history and values of a community.

VA:Re.7.1.7a

- ☐ Explain how the method of display, the location, and the experience of an artwork influence how it is perceived and valued.

VA:Re.7.2.7a

- ☐ Analyze multiple ways that images influence specific audiences.

VA:Re8.1.7a

- ☐ Interpret art by distinguishing between relevant and non-relevant contextual information and analyzing subject matter, characteristics of form and structure, and use of media to identify ideas and mood conveyed.

VA:Re9.1.7a

- ☐ Develop and apply relevant criteria to evaluate a work of art.

VA:Cn10.1.7a

- ☐ Generate a collection of ideas reflecting current interests and concerns that could be investigated in art-making.

VA:Cn11.1.7a

- ☐ Analyze how art reflects changing times, traditions, resources, and cultural uses.



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EIGHTH GRADE

VA:Cr1.1.8a

☐ Document early stages of the creative process visually and/or verbally in traditional or new media.

VA:Cr1.2.8a

☐ Collaboratively shape an artistic investigation of an aspect of present-day life using a contemporary practice of art and design.

VA:Cr2.1.8a

☐ Demonstrate willingness to experiment, innovate, and take risks to pursue ideas, forms, and meanings that emerge in the process of art-making or designing.

VA:Cr2.2.8a

☐ Demonstrate awareness of practices, issues, and ethics of appropriation, fair use, copyright, open source, and creative commons as they apply to creating works of art and design.

VA:Cr2.3.8a

☐ Select, organize, and design images and words to make visually clear and compelling presentations.

VA:Cr3.1.8a

☐ Reflect on and explain important information about personal artwork in an artist statement or another format.

VA:Pr4.1.8a

☐ Compare and contrast how technologies have changed the way artwork is preserved, presented, and experienced.

VA:Pr5.1.8a

☐ Based on criteria, analyze and evaluate methods for preparing and presenting art.

VA:Pr6.1.8a

☐ Compare and contrast viewing and experiencing collections and exhibitions in different venues.

VA:Re.7.1.8a

☐ Explain how a person's aesthetic choices are influenced by culture and environment and impact the visual image that one conveys to others.

VA:Re.7.2.8a

☐ Compare and contrast contexts and media in which viewers encounter images that influence ideas, emotions, and actions.

VA:Re8.1.8a

☐ Interpret art by analyzing art-making approaches, the characteristics of form and structure, relevant contextual information, subject matter, and use of media to identify ideas and mood conveyed.

VA:Re9.1.8a

☐ Compare and explain the difference between an evaluation of an artwork based on personal criteria and an evaluation of an artwork based on a set of established criteria.

VA:Cn10.1.8a

☐ Individually or collaboratively create visual documentation of places and times in which people gather to make and experience art or design in the community.

VA:Cn11.1.8a

☐ Analyze how response to art is influenced by understanding the time and place in which it was created, the available resources, and cultural uses.



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VISUAL ARTS

HIGH SCHOOL PROFICIENT

VA:Cr1.1.1a

- ☐ Use multiple approaches to begin creative endeavors.

VA:Cr1.2.1a

- ☐ Shape an artistic investigation of an aspect of present-day life using a contemporary practice of art or design.

VA:Cr2.1.1a

- ☐ Engage in making a work of art or design without having a preconceived plan.

VA:Cr2.2.1a

- ☐ Explain how traditional and non-traditional materials may impact human health and the environment and demonstrate safe handling of materials, tools, and equipment.

VA:Cr2.3.1a

- ☐ Collaboratively develop a proposal for an installation, artwork, or space design that transforms the perception and experience of a particular place.

VA:Cr3.1.1a

- ☐ Apply relevant criteria from traditional and contemporary cultural contexts to examine, reflect on, and plan revisions for works of art and design in progress.

VA:Pr4.1.1a

- ☐ Develop and apply criteria for evaluating a collection of artwork for presentation.

VA:Pr5.1.1a

- ☐ Collaboratively prepare and present selected theme-based artwork for display, and formulate exhibition narratives for the viewer.

VA:Pr6.1.1a

- ☐ Analyze why and how an exhibition or collection may influence ideas, beliefs, and experiences.

VA:Re.7.1.1a

- ☐ Hypothesize ways in which art influences perception and understanding of human experiences.

VA:Re.7.2.1a

- ☐ Analyze how one's understanding of the world is affected by experiencing visual imagery.

VA:Re8.1.1a

- ☐ 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:Re9.1.1a

- ☐ Create a convincing and logical argument to support an evaluation of art.

VA:Cn10.1.1a

- ☐ Make art collaboratively to reflect on and reinforce positive aspects of group identity.

VA:Cn11.1.1a

- ☐ Distinguish different ways art is used to represent, establish, reinforce, and reflect group identity.



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