



The New Academy Curriculum Guide

Art - Grades K-8

2011-2012

Below is an overview of the materials we have chosen for the upcoming school year for Art Instruction. Students will have one period each week designated to art instruction.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART ACTIVITIES FOR LEARNING](#)

Islamic Art and Geometric Design

During the first part of the year, students will participate in activities designed through the curriculum organizers at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Our focus this first part of the year will be on the principals of geometric design that lie within the intricate patterns in Islamic art. Using these materials, teachers will be able to show their students how Islamic artists applied their imagination to geometric framework to create the patterns in these outstanding works of art. Often complimented with a mathematical concept, students will complete lessons to learn the principles of geometric patterns and will eventually be able to create their own mathematically based designs.

The activities within the Islamic Art and Geometric Design curriculum are based on workshops and art that are available at the museum in New York.

http://www.metmuseum.org/explore/publications/islamic_geometric.asp

Art of the Ancient Near East

Another curriculum resource designed by the Met, students will move from Islamic geometric studies to Art of the Ancient Near East. The Metropolitan Museum's collection of ancient Eastern art covers a lengthy chronological span and a vast geographical area. These activities expose students to thirty particularly compelling objects in the museum's collection of the ancient East's contribution to our civilization. These projects will enrich art, social studies, history, language arts, and science, as well as introduce students to our own connections with ancient cultures.

<http://www.metmuseum.org/explore/publications/ane.htm>

Art of Ancient Egypt

After moving through Islamic and Eastern Art studies, students will spend the last semester with lessons from the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Ancient Egypt curriculum. This program includes summaries of ancient Egyptian history and art, lesson plans and activities. The descriptions of the museum's works and other information are for the purpose of increasing knowledge and pleasure in viewing unique Egyptian art. The activities are designed with the impressive depth of knowledge of the curators in the museum's Department of Egyptian Art. The materials have been created to provide an understanding of ancient Egyptian art and its role in Egyptian civilization. The purpose is to stimulate curiosity, skills in observation, and a desire to visit a museum to see actual examples of Egyptian art.

<http://www.metmuseum.org/explore/publications/egypt.htm>