GRADE 6 – Unit 4: Critique: Reading a Work of Art

Mission Statement

Unit Overview

In unit 4, students will learn to:

- review how to describe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate a work of art using the Art Critique method.
- make connections with a piece of artwork through visual, written, and/or verbal responses.
- apply art criticism skills to self-evaluation.

	Year Long Pacing Guide				
Unit Title	Duration	Related Standards	Learning Goals	Topics and Skills: Student Learning Objectives	
Unit 1 - Drawing: Line and Shape	7 - 8 class periods	1.5.8.Cr1a, 1.5.8.Cr1b, 1.5.8.Cr2a, 1.5.8.Cr2b, 1.5.8.Cr2c, 1.5.8.Cr3a, 1.5.8.Re7a, 1.5.8.Re7b, 1.5.8.Cn10a	We will learn about observational drawing using different types of basic and expressive lines.	 continue to improve observational drawing by finding the basic underlying shapes and refining with details. create interest in a line drawing by using expressive lines and differing line qualities. use negative space in a still-life arrangement to measure the correct placement of objects in a drawing. 	
Unit 2 - Color: Theory and Painting	7 - 12 class periods	1.5.8.Cr1a, 1.5.8.Cr1b, 1.5.8.Cr2a, 1.5.8.Cr2b, 1.5.8.Cr2c, 1.5.8.Cr3a, 1.5.8.Re7a, 1.5.8.Re7b,	 We will review Color Theory. We will explore basic and intermediate 	 use various watercolor techniques to create a painterly background. use and follow proper painting procedures including the cleaning and care of art tools. 	

		1.5.8.Cn10a	painting techniques.	 use of blending techniques for colored pencils and paint.
Unit 3 - Space and Texture: Depth and Interest	7 - 10 class periods	1.5.8.Cr1a, 1.5.8.Cr1b, 1.5.8.Cr2a, 1.5.8.Cr2b, 1.5.8.Cr2c, 1.5.8.Cr3a, 1.5.8.Re7a, 1.5.8.Re7b, 1.5.8.Cn10a	We will learn how to draw different levels of space so that it appears as if you could walk back through a work of art.	 create three levels of space in a landscape. use positive and negative space. explore different techniques for creating texture in artwork.
Unit 4 - Critique: Reading a Work of Art	2 - 3 class periods	1.5.8.Re7a, 1.5.8.Re7b, 1.5.8.Re8a, 1.5.8.Re9a, 1.5.8.Cn11a, 1.5.8.Cn11b	We will use verbal and/or written responses to deconstruct a work of art to discover the mood, art elements used, content, story and eventually evaluate it.	 use the process of critique to describe, analyze, interpret and evaluate artwork either verbally or in writing. discuss, question, and give constructive criticism in whole and small groups. use art criticism to self evaluate.
Unit 5 - Sculpture: 3D Form	4 class periods	1.5.8.Cr1a, 1.5.8.Cr1b, 1.5.8.Cr2a, 1.5.8.Cr2b, 1.5.8.Cr2c, 1.5.8.Cr3a, 1.5.8.Re7a, 1.5.8.Re7b, 1.5.8.Cn10a	We will learn how to identify and create three dimensional form.	 learn the difference between two dimensions and three dimensions. create a work of art that can be viewed from all sides.

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	Unit Vocabulary					
observation	describe	analyze	interpret	evaluate		
critique	constructive criticism	relate	opinion	mood		

Preparation for College, Careers, and Beyond				
Career Ready Practices	Personal Financial Literacy (9.1) and			
	Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation (9.2)			
CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.	9.2.4.A.1 Identify reasons why people work, different types of work, and how work can			
CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.	help a person achieve personal and professional goals.			
CRP3. Attend to personal health and financial well-being.	9.2.4.A.2 Identify various life roles and civic and work-related activities in the school,			
CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.	home, and community.			
CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.	9.2.4.A.3 Investigate both traditional and nontraditional careers and relate information			
CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.	to personal likes and dislikes.			
CRP7. Employ valid and reliable research strategies.	9.2.4.A.4 Explain why knowledge and skills acquired in the elementary grades lay the			
CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving	foundation for future academic and career success.			
them.				
CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.				
CRP10. Plan education and career paths aligned to personal goals.				
CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.				
CRP12. Work productively in teams while using cultural global competence.				

	Cross-Curricular Connections					
Interdisciplinary Connections	Technology Integration and Literacy	Climate Change	Amistad Law	Holocaust Law	LGBT & Disabilities Law	
Literature connections	Online links and possible resources for the integration of technology into lessons are embedded within the "Possible Resources and Activities" column for each Topic area.	•	•	•	•	

Possible Assessment and Instructional Modifications					
Special Education	At-Risk	Gifted	English Language Learners		
*All teachers of students with special needs must review each student's IEP. Teachers must then select the appropriate	The possible list of modifications/accommodations	Enrichment projectsHigher-level cooperative learning	 Continue practicing vocabulary Choice of test format (multiple-choice, 		

modifications and/or accommodations necessary to enable the student to appropriately progress in the general curriculum.

Possible Modifications/Accommodations

- Extra time on assessments
- Use of a graphic organizer
- Use of concrete materials and objects (manipulatives)
- Opportunities for cooperative partner work
- Assign fewer problems at one time (e.g., assign only odds or evens)
- Differentiated center-based small group instruction
- If a manipulative is used during instruction, allow its use on a test
- Provide reteach pages if necessary
- Provide several ways to solve a problem if possible
- Provide visual aids and anchor charts
- Tiered lessons and assignments
- Highlight key directions
- Test in alternative site
- Use of word processor
- Allow for redos/retakes

identified for Special Education students can be utilized for At-Risk students. Teachers should utilize ongoing methods to provide instruction, assess student needs, and utilize modifications specific to the needs of individual students. In addition the following may be considered:

- Additional time for assignments
- Review of directions
- Review sessions
- Use of mnemonics
- Have student restate information
- Provision of notes or outlines
- Concrete examples
- Support auditory presentations with visuals
- Use of a study carrel
- Assistance in maintaining uncluttered space
- Peer or scribe note taking
- Space for movement or breaks
- Extra visual and verbal cues and prompts
- Books on tape
- Graphic organizers
- Preferential seating
- Reduction of distractions
- Answers to be dictated
- Follow a routine/schedule
- Teach time management skills
- Agenda book and checklists
- Adjusted assignment timelines
- Varied reinforcement procedures
- Work in progress check
- Personalized examples
- No penalty for spelling errors or sloppy handwriting

- activities
- Provide higher-order questioning and discussion opportunities
- Tiered centers
- Tiered assignments
- Alternate assignments/ enrichment assignments
- Provide texts at higher reading level
- Extension activities
- Pairing direct instruction w/coaching to promote self directed learning

- essay, true-false)
- Vary test formats
- Read directions to student
- Provide study guides prior to tests
- Clarify test directions, read test questions
- Read test passages aloud (for comprehension assessment)

Individualized Learning Opportunities

• Possible independent study and online learning opportunities are embedded within the "Possible Resources and Activities" column for each Topic area.

Possible Assessments					
Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments	Performance Assessments	Major Activities/Assignments		
 Anecdotal notes during whole group, small group and individual conferences Sharing strategies Turn and talk Stop and Jots Graphic organizers Running Records/skills check off 	 Common Summative Assessments Open-Ended Responses 	 Art Museum Written Critique: Following small group discussions, was the student able to describe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate an artwork accurately? Hamburger self evaluation: Was the student able to authentically evaluate his/her own work? 	 Art Museum Written Critique Hamburger self evaluation 		

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Topic & # Days	NJ Visual and Performing Arts Standards	Critical Knowledge & Skills	Possible Resources & Activities			
Written Critique - 2 - 3 days Self Evaluation - 1 day	 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. 1.5.8.Re7b: Compare and contrast cultural and social contexts of visual arts and how they influence ideas and emotions. 1.5.8.Re8a: Interpret art by analyzing how the interaction 	 Obj. We are learning to: Think about the content and meaning of works of art through the process of critique to make personal, historical, and cultural connections. Analyze the formal aspects of the work and practice using art specific vocabulary. Talk and interact in a small group, discussing the artwork intelligently. Strengthen art criticism skills for self evaluation. Anchor Standards: Perceiving and analyzing products. Interpreting intent and meaning. Applying criteria to evaluate products. Relating artistic ideas and works within societal, cultural and historical contexts to deepen 	 Activities Art Museum Written Critique Hamburger self evaluation Materials Famous works of Art for critique Prezi of examples and short videos on How To 			

- 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.
- 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.
- 1.5.8.Cn11a: Analyze and contrast how art forms are used to represent, establish, reinforce and reflect group identity and culture.
- 1.5.8.Cn11b: Analyze and contrast how art forms are used to reflect global issues, including climate change.

understanding.

Artistic Process

- Responding
- Connecting

Enduring Understandings:

- Individual aesthetic and empathetic awareness developed through engagement with art can lead to understanding and appreciation of self, others, the natural world, and constructed environments. Visual arts influences understanding of and responses to the world.
- People gain insights into meanings of artworks by engaging in the process of art criticism.
- People evaluate art based on various criteria.
- People develop ideas and understandings of society, culture and history through their interactions with and analysis of art.

Essential Questions:

- What is the value of engaging in the process of art criticism? How can the viewer "read" a work of art as text? How does knowing and using visual art vocabulary help us understand and interpret works of art?
- How do life experiences influence the way you relate to art? How does learning about art impact how we perceive the world? What can we learn from our responses to art? What is visual art? Where and how do we encounter visual arts in our world? How do visual arts influence our views of the world?
- How does one determine criteria to evaluate a work of art? How and why might criteria vary? How is a personal preference different from an evaluation?
- How does art help us understand the lives of people of different times, places and cultures? How is art used to impact the views of a society? How does art preserve aspects of life?

Practices:

- Analyze
- Perceive

InterpretSynthesizeRelate
Suggested Formative Assessment(s): • Art Criticism Exit Tickets
Anecdotal notes during the whole group, small group and individual Critique Process.
Art Critique Process Think, Pair & Share.