

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to understand how art criticism and art history construct meanings in artworks.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencils or colored pencils
- Internet access for research
- No prior knowledge required

## Activities

- **Art Critique:** Choose an artwork you like and write a short paragraph critiquing it. Consider elements like color, composition, and emotion.
- **Art History Research:** Pick an artist from history and research their life and work. Create a timeline or biography of the artist.
- **Meaningful Artwork:** Create your own artwork with a specific meaning in mind. Write a brief explanation of the message behind your piece.

## Talking Points

- **Art Criticism:** "When we critique art, we look at how the artist used colors and shapes to convey a message or feeling."
- **Art History:** "Studying art history helps us understand how art has evolved over time and how it reflects different cultures and societies."
- **Constructing Meanings:** "Art can have different meanings for different people based on their experiences and perspectives. It's like a visual language."