

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to investigate and consider the relationship between the production of art works and their contexts and influences.

Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencils
- Coloring materials (crayons, markers, colored pencils)
- Access to books or online resources about famous artists and art movements

No prior knowledge or preparation is required for this lesson.

Activities

1. Research a famous artist

Choose a famous artist that interests you. Use books or online resources to gather information about their life, artistic style, and the historical context in which they created their art. Take notes and create a short biography of the artist.

2. Create a timeline

Using the information you gathered about the artist, create a timeline that highlights important events in their life and career. Include significant artworks they created and any major influences or movements they were associated with.

3. Artwork analysis

Select one or more artworks created by the artist you researched. Analyze the artwork by considering its subject matter, style, use of color, composition, and any symbols or techniques used. Write a short paragraph describing your analysis and your interpretation of the artwork.

4. Create your own artwork

Using the style or techniques of the artist you researched as inspiration, create your own artwork. You can choose to imitate their style or incorporate elements of their work into your own unique piece. Pay attention to the themes or subjects that the artist explored and try to incorporate similar ideas into your artwork.

Talking Points

- Artists are influenced by the world around them

"Artists are often inspired by the world they live in. They observe their surroundings, the people,

the events, and the culture, and use these influences to create their art."

- Art reflects the artist's experiences and emotions

"Art is a way for artists to express their experiences and emotions. They use their chosen medium to communicate their thoughts, feelings, and ideas to others."

- Historical context shapes artistic movements

"Artistic movements are often influenced by the historical context in which they emerge. Artists respond to the events and social changes happening around them, which can lead to the formation of new art styles and movements."

- Art appreciation involves understanding the artist's intent

"To fully appreciate and understand an artwork, it's important to consider the artist's intent. What message were they trying to convey? What emotions were they trying to evoke? By analyzing the artwork, we can gain insight into the artist's intentions."