

## Course **Syllabus**

What you will learn in this course

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**ARTS**

# Middle School 2D Studio Art 1a

Introduction

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL 2D STUDIO ART 1A: INTRODUCTION**

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Encourage your creativity to grow by devoting yourself to a deeper understanding of the formation of art and its basic principles. Whichever medium you prefer – painting, drawing, photography – this course will teach you the design elements and fundamentals needed to create works of art, explore your artistic inspirations, and look at art in different cultures. Develop your potential to become a true artist!

### **Unit 1: Breaking into 2D Studio Art**

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Let's jump back into the basics. Before we get into creating our own masterpieces, we need to learn about what materials are actually used when one creates a masterpiece. We need to learn about color, and how to mix different colors. We need to discover and decide which particular mediums will bring out the image we are currently imagining. We need to start at the beginning – plant the seed, and watch our artwork grow!

## What will you learn in this unit?

- Understand colors, and how to create colors using the technique of mixing
- Classify colors into different categories
- Discover assorted tools used to create artwork
- Explore various art mediums to get unique looks for your artwork

<b>UNIT 1 Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Unit 1 Text Questions	Homework
Unit 1 Lab	Homework
Unit 1 Activity	Homework
Unit 1 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 1 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 1 Quiz	Discussion

## Unit 2: Detailing the Design

Let's face it, creating art doesn't typically come with a book of instructions. In fact, the exact opposite is likely the case! As an artist, you're often left to your own creative devices, having to decide what to create and how to create it. But, if there was an instruction manual on "how to be an artist" or "how to create a work of art", the elements of design, principles of design, and elements of content would be the main parts of the first chapter. These are the tools each artist uses during the process of creating a work of art. They put all the little pieces together, and create a completed drawing or painting. This is vital information you will need as you journey to become an artist, so get out your pad and pencil to take some notes (consider this your own personal chapter of your "how to be an artist" instruction manual).

## What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify the elements of design
- Distinguish between the different principles of design
- Understand the elements of content and how to use them in your own artwork
- Use art vocabulary to correctly describe different elements of your artwork

<b>UNIT 2 Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Unit 2 Text Questions	Homework
Unit 2 Lab	Homework
Unit 2 Activity	Homework
Unit 2 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 2 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 2 Quiz	Discussion

## **Middle School 2D Studio Art 1a Midterm Exam**

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from the first two units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

<b>MIDTERM Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Midterm Exam	Exam
Midterm Discussion	Discussion

## **Unit 3: The Creative Process of Art**

Just because we aren't physically in an art studio at this very moment doesn't mean we can't learn all about art as if we were! In this unit, we will gather all of the information we can about creating art as if we were in an actual studio. We will explore different types of genres and styles that many artists use and learn about the differences between representational and abstract art. We'll learn and practice different tricks and techniques to make our own art shine. And, we will discover ways to connect art with other subjects to bring fun, creativity, and exploration to all learning areas. We may not be stepping into an art studio to do this work, but we sure will step into a digital one! Let's get started!

## What will you learn in this unit?

- Identify different genres in the art world
- Distinguish between representational and abstract art
- Relate art genres with other academic subjects
- Learn about famous artists and their exploration of particular genres and ideas

<b>UNIT 3 Assignments</b>	
<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Type</b>
Unit 3 Text Questions	Homework
Unit 3 Lab	Homework
Unit 3 Activity	Homework
Unit 3 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 3 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 3 Quiz	Discussion

## Unit 4: Art and its Early Importance

Think about your life from when you first started school until now. You have grown and learned so much in the past years! What you knew and the way you acted in kindergarten is so different from what you know and how you act now, but the information you learned in those early years shaped you into the person you are today. This act of growing, changing, and maturing is also something that has happened in the world of art! This unit is going to look at art in some of its oldest forms. We'll take you through the Stone Age into ancient Egypt, China, and Central America to see where and how practices commonly used today originated. We'll also discover how these early influences shaped art into the subject we know and love today.

## What will you learn in this unit?

- Examine ancient art from all over the world
- Learn how our early ancestors/artists created works of art
- See into the lives of people from years ago by their art they left behind
- Discover ways in which ancient art influenced how we create art today

## UNIT 4 Assignments

Assignment	Type
Unit 4 Text Questions	Homework
Unit 4 Lab	Homework
Unit 4 Activity	Homework
Unit 4 Discussion 1	Discussion
Unit 4 Discussion 2	Discussion
Unit 4 Quiz	Discussion

## Middle School 2D Studio Art 1a Final Exam

- Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.
- Take a course exam based on material from all units in this course. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

## FINAL Assignments

Assignment	Type
Final Exam	Exam
Class Reflection Discussion	Discussion