

# Emerging Visions

Elementary School Expanded Lesson Plan

# 1. Adventures in Abstract Art

## Challenge:

Create an abstract drawing using the elements of design and abstract techniques including the following: morph, simplify, multiply, rearrange, magnify, fragment, explode, distort, and scale.

## Questions

What is abstract art?  
Where might you have seen abstract art?  
What are some abstract techniques?

## Initiating Activities

Have students make flash cards of the different abstract terms. On the front they can write the vocabulary and on the back they can draw it. Students can pair up and see if they can guess each other's abstract techniques from the pictures.

## Media

Oil pastels  
Color pencil  
Crayons

## Inspirational Artists

Hilma af Klint  
Pablo Picasso  
Wassily Kandinsky

## 2. Class of Colors

### Challenge:

Create a watercolor painting that displays certain types of colors in each section of the artwork. The subject of the artwork can be abstract or representational.

### Questions

What are primary and secondary colors?  
What are cool and warm colors?  
What are complementary and analogous colors?  
How did Moira Dryer use color to enhance her artwork?

### Initiating Activities

Point to different objects in the room or create a slideshow of images with a color on it. Have students identify what categories that color falls into.

### Media

Watercolor  
Tempera paint  
Color pencil  
Crayons

### Inspirational Artists

Piet Mondrian  
Mark Rothko  
Willem de Kooning

# 3. What Wood You Paint

## Challenge:

Create a wooden canvas using craft sticks and paint an abstract painting on the surface.

## Questions

What is abstract art?

What are some other surfaces artists could use other than paper and canvas?

Where have you seen art like this?

## Initiating Activities

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## Media

Tempera paint

Oil pastel

## Inspirational Artists

Hilma af Klint

Pablo Picasso

Wassily Kandinsky

# 4. Wallpaper Design

## Challenge:

Create a 2-D paper collage that explores various kinds of patterns, lines, and shapes.

## Questions

Where have you seen wallpaper before?

What kinds of lines, shapes and patterns do you see on wallpaper?

## Initiating Activities

Give students 10 seconds each to draw whatever line, shape, and pattern they want. Have them pass it to the next person at their table to add to it and so on until the whole table has marked on the paper.

## Media

Collage

Color pencil

Crayons

Watercolor

## Inspirational Artists

Jackson Pollock

Henri Matisse

Georges Braque

# 5. Where Will You go

## Challenge:

Create a postcard drawing of a place you would like to travel to including the illusion of depth techniques.

## Questions

Why do people buy postcards?  
What are some pictures you see on the front of postcards?  
What are some landscape techniques you can add? List any illusion of depth techniques you know (i.e. size & placement, ground lines, converging lines, overlapping, etc.

## Initiating Activities

Have students bring in postcards that they might have at home. Pass around the postcards for students to get visual ideas. Do a share-and-tell about places they have visited and where they would like to go.

## Media

Watercolor  
Color pencil  
Crayons

## Inspirational Artists

Grant Wood  
Van Gogh  
Andre Derain

# 6. Cubist Self Portrait

## Challenge:

Draw a self-portrait using abstract techniques to create the illusion of a 3-D portrait on a 2-D surface.

## Questions

What is cubism?

How do you create an abstract self-portrait?

What are some things that make you special?

What are some symbols you can add to your self-portrait?

## Initiating Activities

Have students use found objects to create a cubist self portrait. Objects that can be used in this activity can include pipe cleaners, blocks, paper clips, wire, foam sheets, buttons etc. Have them share at the end.

## Media

Collage

Oil pastel

Color pencil

Crayons

## Inspirational Artists

Pablo Picasso

Jacob Lawrence