

BIG IDEA

Visual arts and writing share common threads:

- Observation
- Creation
- Reflection

ENDURING UNDERSTANDINGS

- Visual arts and language arts have parallel elements.
- Artists and writers use observation to generate ideas.
- Artists use the elements of art to represent the natural world and to express ideas, moods, feelings, and beliefs.
- Writers use the traits of writing to represent the natural world and to express ideas, moods, feelings, and beliefs.
- Women artists have made significant contributions to visual arts and literature across cultures.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- How do people express their ideas, moods, and feelings through art?
- How is meaning expressed through the arts?
- What can you learn about other people through the arts?
- How are words and images similar?

KEY CONCEPTS

Important points to teach:

- Connections between visual arts and language arts
- Texts that exemplify a variety of writing styles
- Artworks that exemplify a variety of subject matter
- Elements of art
- Art vocabulary
- Traits of writing

What students need to know about this topic:

- How to use the elements of art to express ideas
- How to represent the natural world in two-dimensional and three-dimensional means
- How to interpret works of visual art
- How to use the traits of writing to express ideas
- How to discover links between visual arts and language arts

ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE

- Through critique or display of student work