

ARTS INTEGRATION RESOURCES FROM THE GETTY MUSEUM

We know that time constraints and limited resources are a reality for all educators. Adding to that, we all have various levels of comfort with art-making, and sometimes the idea of including art at all, much less in core subjects, can be intimidating. In order to assist educators with arts-integrated lessons, The J. Paul Getty Museum's Education Department has compiled practical tips, tools, and videos to help you get started. Special thanks to Getty's Sandy Rodriguez and Andrew Westover for providing this resource.

START WITH THE BASICS

Want a quick review of the [Elements and Principles of Art](#)? Check out Getty's printable reference sheets. Are your students learning about making art with different mediums? Explore Getty's extensive [video](#) library for different art techniques with your students.

The Getty Museum also offers hundreds of free lessons, activities, and resources. Search Lessons and Activities to explore an arts-integrated, Common Core-aligned database of materials. You can filter by grade level, subject, type, and more. And some of the museum's most popular resources for K-12 teachers can be found on the [Tips and Tools for Teaching](#) page.

GET UP CLOSE WITH HIGH-RESOLUTION IMAGES

Getty's searchable [collections page](#) offers thousands of images to support classroom explorations. Interested in Van Gogh? Take a close-up look at every brush stroke in Van Gogh's *Irises*. Investigate landscapes, the weather, plants, and habitats from the [Nature](#) image bank. And the [Stories in Art](#) image bank includes narratives from ancient history, mythology, and religion, while [Art-Making Techniques](#) fosters discussions about carving, bronze casting, impasto, marquetry, and photography.

TRY A SIMPLE PROJECT THAT INSPIRES MORE EXPLORATION

Create opportunities for students to connect their prior knowledge and experiences with classroom content through art-making. Do your students enjoy chasing lizards or catching insects? Use [Drawing Insects with Organic Shapes and Lines](#) to analyze and draw a specimen. After the initial drawing, build upon your students' new skills with [Exploring Value to Create Form](#), which expands the initial sketch to include light and depth. Then, extend the lesson by adapting a beginning, intermediate, or advanced lesson from our [Art & Science Curriculum](#). Check Getty's [Art Activities](#) for more inspirational art making ideas.

EXPLORE ARTS-INTEGRATED LESSON TEMPLATES

This [guide for effective lessons](#) is based on best practices from The Getty Museum Education Department, Common Core and California state content standards, and child development theory. We support classroom experiences that encourage students to:

- Create art and reflect upon what they have made
- Seek and construct meaning through encounters with art
- Create narratives about artworks
- Understand the historical and cultural contexts of works of art
- Discover the significance and value of art in their lives

Getty's [Grade-by-Grade Guide](#) also provides suggestions for students at different skill and ability levels. On these pages you'll find ideas for art production, integrating language acquisition strategies, and assessment.

GET THE WHOLE FAMILY INVOLVED

Encourage students to explore [resources for students](#) with siblings and family members at home. These activities enhance students' understanding of artists, art history, materials, and techniques, and include [online games](#) and [videos](#). Invite your students to share in class what they learned at home!

And don't miss Teaching Channel's [19 new arts integration videos](#), produced in partnership with The Getty Museum.

Art belongs in every classroom. If you would like to get updates on Getty's offerings and professional development opportunities, sign up for the [Getty Teacher Update](#) or connect on [Facebook](#).