

## Teachers' Circle Lesson Plan Template

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Subject area: Visual Art  
Grade level: 8  
Lesson title: Communicating With Art

### Brief summary/lesson plan description

Students will learn how the Visual Arts tell the story of society and one's personal story.

### Common Core or State Standards Addressed

**8.VA.Cn.10.1** Individually or collaboratively create art to reflect current interests, concerns, events, community, or group identity.  
**6-8.VA.Cr.1.1** Apply methods/strategies visually or verbally to overcome creative blocks with a variety of media.  
**8.VA. Cr.2.3** Apply visual organization strategies to produce a work of art or media that clearly communicates information or ideas.  
**6-8.VA.Cn.10.1** Individually or collaboratively create art to reflect current interest, concerns, events, community, or group identity.  
6-8.VA.Re.7.2 Analyze contexts and media in which viewers encounter images that influence ideas, emotions, and actions.

### Essential Skills and Strategies Addressed (Creativity/Critical Thinking/Communication)

**Communicate** emotions and feelings by creating a piece of artwork.  
**Create** a piece of art using mixed media.  
**Collaborate** with others discussing the message behind one's work and it's connection to society.  
**Critical thinking** by planning and visualizing the artwork as it is created.

### Instructional Strategies/Differentiation

Access and adjust lesson content to fit individual learners level and needs. Provide a variety of resources.

### Lesson objectives (Students will understand...)

Students will understand how art reflects current trends and understanding of society.  
Students will understand the process of creating a piece of mixed media.  
Students will create a piece of art using mixed media that communicates a message.

Essential Questions to guide this unit/lesson and focus teaching and learning:

How does art tell the story of society?

Technology and Resources Needed

Slide show/examples of mixed media  
Supplies to create work of art

Procedure (learning activities)

**Pre-visit**

Discuss mixed media with students.

Look at examples.

Use VTS (Visual Thinking Strategies) to facilitate discussion about various artworks.

Discussion about how artists use their artwork to tell a story.

**Day of Pavilion Visit**

Tour art center.

Collaborate with other students discussing the stories and messages they see in the various artworks.

Attend VA center lab for lesson on mixed media art.

**Post-Visit**

Share mixed media projects with classmates

Discussion on the messages/stories held in their artwork.

Discussion on how art is a form of communication.

Assessment Method

Formative assessment of the student's knowledge based on small group discussions.

Museum Exhibits/Resources Utilized

Visual Art Gallery

Visual Art Lab