

The Examined Life

Art Appreciation

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Syllabus—2008-2009 Academic Year

Each month we will concentrate on one artist. We will explore his or her work through books, images and museum trips.

Monthly Meetings

We will meet at The Deering Estate once a month on Friday at 10:15 am and begin at 10:30 am sharp. Our art lesson will be accompanied by a short music lesson and be followed with a picnic lunch. (Please avoid all peanut products.) Art materials will be purchased and the total cost will be divided and paid by participants.

Books

The following books are recommended reading and include reading levels (RL). Your local library may carry these books and many other worthy titles for children. I also recommend using Google images to set a famous piece of work by the artist

Artist and Reading List by Month

Weeks 1-4: Edward Hopper

1. *Edward Hopper (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists)* by Mike Venezia RL 4.5
2. *Edward Hopper: The Life of an Artist (Artist Biographies)* by Ray Spangenburg, Kit Moser, Edward Hopper, and Diane Moser RL 4.2
3. *Edward Hopper: Summer at the Seashore (Adventures in Art)* by Deborah Lyons and Edward Hopper RL unavailable
4. *Edward Hopper: Painter of Light and Shadow* by Susan Goldman Rubin (Hardcover - Aug 1, 2007) RL unavailable

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Weeks 5-8: Claude Monet
Technique: Color

1. *Claude Monet (Life and Work of)* by Sean Connolly RL 3.2
2. *The Magical Garden of Claude Monet (Anholt's Artists Books for Children)* by Laurence Anholt RL 3.5
3. *First Impressions: Claude Monet (First Impressions)* by Ann Waldron RL unavailable
4. *Claude Monet (Art Profiles for Kids)* by Jim Whiting RL unavailable
5. *Claude Monet: Sunshine and Waterlilies (Smart About Art)* by True Kelley RL 3.7
6. *Linnea in Monet's Garden* by Cristina Bjork, Lena Anderson, and Joan Sandin RL 4.5
7. *Monet (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists)* by Mike Venezia RL 4.5

Weeks 9-12: Marc Chagall
Technique: Color Patterns

1. *Dreamer from the Village: The Story of Marc Chagall* by Michelle Markel and Emily Lisker RL 4.0
2. *I Am Marc Chagall: Text Loosely Inspired by My Life* by Marc Chagall (*Eerdmans Books for Young Readers*) by Bimba Landmann RL 4.5
3. *Marc Chagall (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists)* by Mike Venezia RL 4.6
4. *Marc Chagall (Great Artists)* by Joanne Mattern RL 4.6
5. *Marc Chagall: Life Is a Dream (Adventures in Art)* by Marc Chagall and Britta Hoepler RL Unavailable
6. *Marc Chagall (Artists in Their Time)* by Jude Welton RL 7.7

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Weeks 13-16: Mary Cassatt
Technique: Portraits

1. *Mary Cassatt: Family Pictures (Smart About Art)* by Jane O'Connor and Jennifer Kalis RL 3.7
2. *Suzette and the Puppy: A Story About Mary Cassatt (Young Readers)* by Joan Sweeney and Jennifer Heyd Wharton RL 3.9
3. *Mary Cassatt (Masterpieces: Artists and Their Works)* by Blake A. Hoena RL 4.2
4. *Mary Cassatt (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists)* by Mike Venezia RL 4.7

Weeks 17-20: Georgia O'Keeffe
Technique: Color Value

1. *Georgia O'Keeffe (On My Own Biographies)* by Linda Lowery and Rochelle Draper RL 3.3
2. *Georgia O'Keeffe: The Life of an Artist (Artist Biographies)* by Ray Spangenburg, Kit Moser, Diane Moser, and Georgia O'Keeffe RL 4.4
3. *The Spirit Catchers: An Encounter with Georgia O'Keeffe (Art Encounters)* by Kathleen Kudlinski RL 4.4
4. *Georgia O'Keeffe (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists)* by Mike Venezia RL 4.8

Weeks 21-24: Paul Gauguin
Technique: Color Moods

1. *Paul Gauguin* by Paul Flux RL 3.5
2. *Paul Gauguin (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists)* by Mike Venezia RL 4.8
3. *Paul Gauguin (Great Artists)* by Adam G. Klein RL 4.8
4. *Paul Gauguin* by Diane Cook RL 4.8

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Weeks 25-28: Norman Rockwell
Technique: Shape Value

1. *Rockwell: A Boy and His Dog* by Loren Spiotta DiMare and Cliff Miller RL3.6
2. *Norman Rockwell: The Life of an Artist (Artist Biographies)* by Jennifer Rozines Royn RL 4.7
3. *Norman Rockwell (Great Artists)* by Adam Klein RL 5.0
4. *Norman Rockwell (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists)* by Mike Venezia RL 5.2
5. *Norman Rockwell: Storyteller With A Brush* by Beverly Gherman RL 6.6

Weeks 29-32: Faith Ringold
Technique: Pattern Design

1. *Faith Ringgold (Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists)* by Mike Venezia RL 5.3
2. *Faith Ringgold (Portraits of Women Artists)* by Robyn Montana Turner RL 7.1

Stories written and illustrated by Faith Ringgold:

1. *Cassie's Word Quilt* RL 1.2
2. *Tar Beach* RI 3.4
3. *Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky* RL 4.1
4. *Dinner at Aunt Connie's House* RL 4.8 *My Dream of Martin Luther King* RL 4.9
5. *If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks* RL 5.3
6. *The Invisible Princess* RL 5.5