

An Art Education Guide for Kids and Adults

Freedom in expressing oneself is one of the reasons why many people find art enjoyable. Each artwork has its own story. It may be a story of happiness. It may also be a story of sadness. Whatever its story may be, the artist's heart and soul is poured into it.

Art is not limited. It has many areas to it such as illustration, fine art and applied art. Having a vast area, one may find trouble finding resources on art education. It is the main reason why we have provided this comprehensive resource list to educate you on the elements of art, principles of art, art media and its different styles. Whether you are just a beginner or an expert artist, this list is very useful.

Elements of Art

- [Exploring the Elements and Principles of Art](#): Get to explore the elements and principles of art in this website created by an art teacher. There are examples for each element and even some quizzes to test your art knowledge!
- [The 7 Elements of Art](#): If one is confused how each element looks like then drop by this website! Along with the discussion about elements are different pictures that will help one understand how each element physically differs from each other.
- [The Formal Elements of Art Design](#): This website is also comprehensive as it discusses each element with matching examples.
- [Art Elements in the Ancient World](#): Go on a virtual tour at the pre-historic to Grecian times and find out how the elements of art were used in each art piece.

- [The Formal Qualities of Art](#): This is an online lesson that discusses the elements of art in a comprehensive way.
- [The Vocabulary of Art](#): To understand the elements and principles of art, this vocabulary will help you out!
- [Mrs. J's Elements of Art](#): Elementary Art teacher, Mrs. J, makes it easy to learn about the building blocks of art in this website she created.
- [The Artist's Toolkit](#): For a fun and easy way to learn about the elements of art, this is the website you should visit! Get to watch animated demonstrations, find examples and create your own composition.

Principles of Art

- [Interactive Site on the Principles of Art](#): Fun and learning is combined in this interactive website where one can explore principles of art lessons, games and more activities.
- [The Different Principles of Design](#): In this website, learn how each principles of design affect the message and expressive content of the artwork.
- [Illustration of the Principles of Art](#): Each portrait is discussed according to how the principles of art were used.
- [The Virtual Instructor](#): In this site, not only are the principles and elements of art are discussed but there are also free art lessons as well!
- [Definitions of the Principles of Art](#): This PDF file is a good handout for students as it has definitions and illustrations for each principle.
- [Principles of Design](#): The J. Paul Getty Museum's website helps one how to analyze formal aspects of artwork through its different website resources such as elements and principles of art.
- [Animated Art Principles](#): This is a fun website where once can see a flash video about the principles of art.

- [The Principles of Art](#): This comprehensive PDF file offers information with matching pictures about the different art principles.

Further Art Concepts

- [All about Colors](#): This flash website has a wide range of topics about color such as tint, shade, tone, value and more.
- [Introduction to Color Theory](#): In this website, the classic color themes are discussed as well as how these color themes are used.
- [Choosing a Color Palette](#): Learning how to choose colors is one way of making your artworks beautiful.
- [Color Symbolism](#): *Do you know that each color has a symbol?* Find out what each color symbolizes in this website!
- [The Color Wheel](#): This PDF file shows illustrations of color wheels along with a discussion on colors.
- [Making the Color Wheel](#): This website shows an easy way of how to make different types of color wheels.
- [Complementary Colors](#): An easy to read website with tips and information on complementary colors.
- [Complementary Design Colors](#): To get an idea of how complementary colors looks like, one can check out this website where you can even check complementary colors of the base background value you input.
- [Cool and Warm Colors](#): Find out which colors are cool and which colors are warm in this website.
- [Color Depth](#): Find out what color depth is and how to test it in this website.
- [Focal Point](#): *How does one determine the focal point in an illustration?* Learn all about focal point in this website.
- [Intermediate Colors](#): This website has information about what intermediate colors are. It also includes an intermediate color wheel.
- [Color Mood](#): This website includes a chart where one can see how each color represents a mood.

- [Color Models](#): Find out the history behind the color models.
- [Perspective](#): Learn about what perspective means in art through this website.
- [Introduction to Self Portraits](#): Discover how self portraits began as art.
- [Understanding the Color Wheel](#): This simple tutorial will help one understand the differences between primary, secondary and tertiary colors.

Media

- [Art Media](#): An introduction of different art media like paints, thinners, mediums, canvas, panels and paper.
- [All About Oil Painting](#): This website contains comprehensive information on oil painting mediums, solvents, varnishes and a lot more!
- [Notes on Oil Painting](#): For tips about oil painting, this is the one of the websites to visit.
- [Fresco](#): Discover how fresco is done with this website.
- [The Fresco Technique](#): This website has brief information on this particular technique.
- [Tempera](#): Discover the history of tempera and how art is done using it.
- [A Guide for Buying Art Tools and Art Supplies](#): This website has handy tips to help you buy art tools and supplies.
- [Inpainting/Overpainting Paper Art: Using Mixed Dry Pigments and Complementary Colors](#): It shows how mixed dry pigments were used in making the illustrations posted on the website.
- [Characteristics of Common Pigment](#): A list of common pigments with matching pictures that one can find helpful as introductory painting palette.

Styles

- [Abstract Art and Artists](#): This website is dedicated to abstract art and artists. The information here includes the different abstract styles and famous abstract artists.
- [Baroque](#): The style, artists and images of Baroque art are highlighted in this website.
- [Byzantine Images](#): If one is looking for Byzantine images, this website has a lot of images and links to offer.
- [FAQs about Cubism](#): This website aims to answer questions on what cubism is all about.
- [Analytical Cubism](#): Contains fast facts about cubism and some sample images.
- [Fauvism, Cubism and Futurism](#): This website has facts about these three different styles along with matching images.
- [Gothic Art and Architecture](#): This is an article about the history of gothic art.
- [Greek Art](#): Contains information about the different periods in Greek art.
- [Impressionism and Neo-impressionism](#): This website has brief information on these two different styles.
- [Optical Art](#): This website has information on the history of optical art. It also contains optical illusions.
- [Pop Art](#): This website contains information about pop art with images.
- [Post Impressionism](#): Contains images and brief information about post impressionism.
- [Realism](#): Contains brief information on realism.
- [Renaissance Art](#): An article about renaissance art with images.
- [The Romanesque Period](#): For a slice of history and art in the Romanesque period, this is the website to visit.
- [Romanticism](#): Find out about romanticism in this website.
- [Rococo to Realism](#): Contains brief information and an image gallery.
- [Rococo Style](#): This article discusses about rococo style.
- [History and Surrealism](#): A comprehensive history of surrealism.

- [Dada and Surrealism](#): Contains a lot of illustrations on dada and surrealism.