



Design School Lesson Plan

Guess the Mystery Artist

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TITLE OF LESSON

Guess the Mystery Artist

ACHIEVABLES

- Students will learn about different art movements and artists who are exemplars in each movement.

SUGGESTED LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Become familiar with the following art movements: Cubism, Fauvism, Pop Art, Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, Surrealism, or Art Nouveau.
- Learn about an artist who represents one of the above art movements, and be able to describe his or her significant contributions to the art world.

PREPARATION

- Students will each need a computer with an internet connection (students can be partnered up if need be).
- Present the [Canva Quick Guide](#) to onboard your class quickly.
- Students will view [Color Inspirations from Art Movements](#).
- Read teacher notes.

SUGGESTED LESSON FLOW

Part I: Research an Art Movement

- After viewing the Canva tutorial, students will choose (or the teacher will assign) art movements to research.
- Students will choose a specific artist for their presentation, and take notes on milestones from the artist's life.

Part II: Create Presentation Pages

- Using the [suggested color palettes for the selected art movement](#) (or developing their own with the color picker tool), students will create slides that give clues about the artist. The artist will not be named in the presentation, nor will the art movement.

- Slides may include examples of the artist's work (without revealing the titles) and significant biographical information.
- If the artist traveled, or events around the world impacted his or her work, it could be suggested to use a map such as [this one](#) in the presentation.
- As the presentation pages are created, students will need to "Describe and Tag" them, as well as make them Public.

Graphic Design Notes (Use [Tips for Great Design](#))

Before students start designing, run through the Tips for Great Design one-page reference guide. This includes five important tips for creating an effective design.

Part III: Guess the "Mystery Artist"

- Assign each student a random presentation by another student to view. Based on the information in the presentations, students will need to state the art movement and the name of the artist. They will need to defend their answers with at least 3 supporting details from the presentation for each one.
- Students will present their findings, and their partners will reveal whether or not they are correct.

HOMEWORK/EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

- The teacher can assign a particular Canva template to the entire class, and they must modify that template to represent the art movement and style of a particular artist.
- Students can create a "Business Card" for a mystery artist without revealing his or her identity, exchange with another student, and the new student can use the clues to name the artist and create a work of art in that artist's style to be included on the business card.