



**Prerequisites:**

- This class is open to all middle school students.



**Course Description:**

Art + History is a playful look at some of the great art and artists of Western Civilization from the Renaissance to present, beginning with Da Vinci and ending with Warhol\*. Artists are some of the most fascinating people of their time. We will explore a dozen artists' lives, work, contribution to art and what was happening in the world during their lifetime, along with 48 influential works of art. Art is a language and learning to really "see" art gives students an opportunity to think critically and deeply. By understanding the history and culture of the artists, and by learning to observe, analyze and interpret art within its original context, we can see the world and their work as they saw it. Not only will student's begin to learn to "read" the language of art, they will be given opportunities to "speak" the language in their own way. Each artist we study will be accompanied by hands-on projects, designed to broaden creativity and experiment with the techniques that distinguished that artist. This class was developed as an extension of the content and goals of the art curriculum *Meet the Masters*.

\*Artists include da Vinci, Durer, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Hokusai, Degas, Monet, Van Gogh, Kandinsky, Picasso, O'Keefe, and Warhol.



**Commitment:**

- This course meets once a week.
- Students can expect to spend approximately 1-2 hours per week on homework, depending on level of interest.
- Students will be responsible for completing artist notes, analyzing various works of art, and completing art projects related to the artists.
- One project will be assigned at the end of the year.
- A test will be given at the end of each quarter and will be proctored at home.



**A typical class will look like...**

Class time will include hands-on activities, learning about various artists and discussing significant works of art.



**Books and Supplies**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1-1.5" binder w. dividers - labeled Artist Notes, Critiques, Misc.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drawing pencil &amp; eraser</li><li>• UltraFine Point Sharpie or comparable</li><li>• Colored pencils</li><li>• Markers</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9x12 multimedia or watercolor paper</li></ul> |
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