

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

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Standards

- Current Events: Students will discuss current events in art.
- Social Studies: Students will research the Byzantine Empire.
- Art History: Students will research and report on Renaissance art.

Activities

1. Use the News: Is art information reported in the newspaper? How important are the “arts” in today’s society? Read the newspaper and share articles you find about the art world. Is it about art of today’s world, or art out of the past?
2. Art from the Byzantine Empire centered around Christian symbols and theology. Byzantium is also known as the Eastern Roman Empire, as opposed to Rome’s Western Roman Empire. Research and report on how the Roman Empire was different in the East compared to the West. How was their art different? How was their religion different?
3. Who were the artists of the Renaissance? What works were they famous for? Were there many artists at that time? Was art popular and important to that society? Research and report on one artist or art in general from the Renaissance.

World of Wonder meets many state educational standards. This guide helps teachers identify standards and related activities generally intended for grade 6, but teachers can modify activities to the appropriate grade.