

# ***World of Wonder***

## **Educational Standards and Suggested Activities**

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### **Standards**

- Current Events: Students will discuss the importance of art in our society.
- Science: Students will compare and contrast soapstone with other stones.
- Art: Students will observe a soapstone artist.

### **Activities**

1. Use the News: Do you consider art to be an important part of our society? Discuss your reasons in a group. Look through your newspaper for anything relating to art. Are there any articles about artists or new gallery shows? Should your paper focus more attention on art in your community? Should your classroom? Why or why not?
2. Marble and granite are used for many of the same things as soapstone. What's the difference between these rocks? Research and report on their similarities and differences.
3. How does an artisan of soapstone carve her artwork? What does it look like as she chips, files and sands away the stone? Here is a video showing the basic methods of working with soapstone:  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=z078tE\\_u\\_ZI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z078tE_u_ZI)

*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.