

World of Wonder

Educational Standards and Suggested Activities

Release week July 7, 2013: Ancient and Classical Art

Standards

- Current Events: Students will read about news from the Middle East.
- Art: Students will create their own art depicting important modern issues.
- Art History: Students will research examples of ancient art.

Activities

1. Use the News: Many of the samples of ancient art we have today were found in Egypt, Iran or Iraq. What is happening in this area today? Read the news for current events about this area of our world.
2. Ancient people created art based on the most important concepts of their time – food and reproduction – in other words, survival. What is most important to modern people? Brainstorm some ideas first, then use modeling clay or just sketch one of those important modern aspects of life. Try to guess one another's ideas about what's important based on what they create.
3. Choose one of the examples of ancient art to research and report on. How was it probably made? With what tools? What materials? Who made it?

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.