

**Visual and Performing Arts
Elementary Art
Unit 3: Art History and Cultures**

Essential Understandings	Art and artists both reflect and shape their time period and culture.
Essential Questions	What can art tell us about other cultures?
Essential Knowledge	Art has different meanings and functions in different cultures. Artists use symbols to tell about their culture.
Vocabulary	<u>Terms:</u> World culture, Native American, Asian, ancient, celebration
Essential Skills	Identify art from different world cultures. Identify cultural symbols and celebrations. Identify connections and artistic choices. Identify art in life experiences. Use positive interactions when describing art.
Standards: Maine Learning Results and Common Core	<u>Visual and Performing Arts</u> A. Disciplinary Literacy E. Visual and Performing Arts Connections E1. Students identify family or community symbols or celebrations in the visual art from different world cultures. E2. Students identify connections between the arts and other disciplines. E3. Students identify choices that lead to success in the arts. E4. Students identify the arts in life experiences. E5. Students identify positive interpersonal skills that impact their participation in the arts.
Sample Lessons And Activities	Create art works in the style of a world culture Identify appropriate use of symbolism in art works Describe art connections with other content areas Identify artistic processes used to make art for a celebration
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	Conversations and observations of the creative process Assess student art work
Sample Resources	Art reproductions from a variety of world cultures

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