Brunswick School Department: Grades 9-12

Visual and Performing Arts Art I

Unit 7: Aesthetics and Criticism

Essential Understandings	 There are different philosophies and methods used by artists, art critics and art historians to interpret and evaluate of artworks.
Essential Questions	 What is art? How do people evaluate and express opinions about art?
Essential Knowledge	 There are different meanings for art based on the point of view of artist, art historian, viewer, and art critic. The process of formal art analysis: description, analysis, interpretation and judgment can lead to an informed opinion about artworks.
Vocabulary	 Terms: art criticism, critique, aesthetics, philosophy, art critic, describe, analyze, interpret, evaluate/judge, symbolism
Essential Skills	 Describe, analyze, interpret and evaluate their own and master works of art. Differentiate between interpretation and personal response. Use appropriate research strategies and sources when seeking historical interpretation of an artwork. Explain, and justify personal aesthetic criteria.

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Related Maine Learning Results	Visual and Performing Arts A. Disciplinary Literacy A1.Artist's Purpose Students research and explain how art and artists reflect and influence culture and periods of time. B3.Meaning Making Students create a body of original art work. a. Demonstrate sophisticated use of media, tools, techniques, and processes. b. Demonstrate knowledge of visual art concepts. c. Communicate a variety of ideas, feelings, and meanings. D. Aesthetics and Criticism D1.Aesthetics and Criticism Students analyze and evaluate art forms. a. Describe, analyze, interpret, and evaluate art forms by applying grade span appropriate arts concepts, vocabulary, skills, and processes as referenced in Standard A: Disciplinary Literacy. b. Analyze and evaluate varied interpretations of works of art using evidence from observations and a variety of print and/or non-print sources. c. Demonstrate an understanding of the difference between a personal opinion and an informed judgment. d. Research and explain how art and artists reflect and shape their time and culture. E. Visual and Performing Arts Connections E1.The Arts and History and World Cultures Students analyze the characteristics and purposes of products of the visual/performing arts to understand history and/or world cultures. E2.The Arts and Other Disciplines Students analyze skills and concepts that are similar across disciplines.
Sample Lessons And Activities	 Written or oral formal analysis (critique) of a famous artwork Critique or review of artwork from the Annual Art show Written portfolio reflection Read texts by artists, art critics an/or art historians in order to interpret an artwork Write a personal interpretation of an artwork
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	written or oral reflections and analysissketchbook

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	■ <u>Videos</u> :
	 The Art Elements
Sample	 The Art Principles - Learning Zone Express
Resources	Other Resources:
	 Art Department Resource Library
	 Art Reproductions Print and Slide Files