

# ART ACTIVITIES

## PRESENTATION ON PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

What are the principles of design?

- The principles of design arrange the elements of art in a way that, highlight them and help them work together.
- The principles of design include:
  - Contrast
  - Emphasis
  - Balance

**BALANCE**  
**PATTERN**  
*unity*  
proportion  
movement

**principles of design**

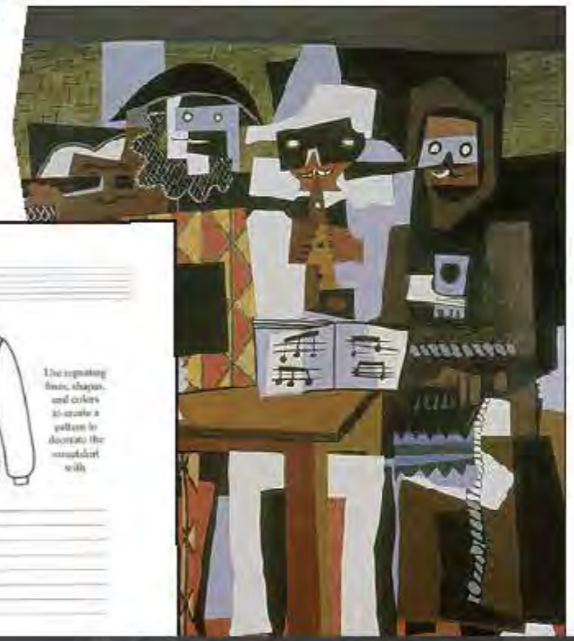


**CONTRAST**

- Helps create a focal point by placing elements next to each other that make each other pop.
- Contrasting elements will grab your attention.



**PROPORTION**



**PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN**  
Building Blocks of Art

**PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN**  
THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF ART

As you listen to the presentation, take notes on each principle of design and the artist who uses it. Once the presentation is finished use colored pencils, markers, or crayons to complete the drawing. Decorate the title, numbers, and add doodles to your notes.

**THE PRINCIPLES:**

1. BALANCE

**2. CONTRAST**

- Contrast is \_\_\_\_\_
- Create contrast through shape by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Create contrast through color and value by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Create contrast through pattern by: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Fact: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Fact: \_\_\_\_\_

**6. PATTERN**

- Pattern is \_\_\_\_\_
- List six types of pattern: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A LOOK AT EVERY PRINCIPLE WITH ARTIST EXEMPLARS**  
**LESSON PLAN, NOTE TAKING SHEET, CHECKLIST**

# PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN



This lesson pack is geared towards upper elementary, middle school, or high school age students.



**Keep students engaged with active note taking and doodling while discussing the principles.**



Principles of design focused presentation on balance, contrast, emphasis, movement, proportion, repetition, rhythm, pattern, unity, and variety.

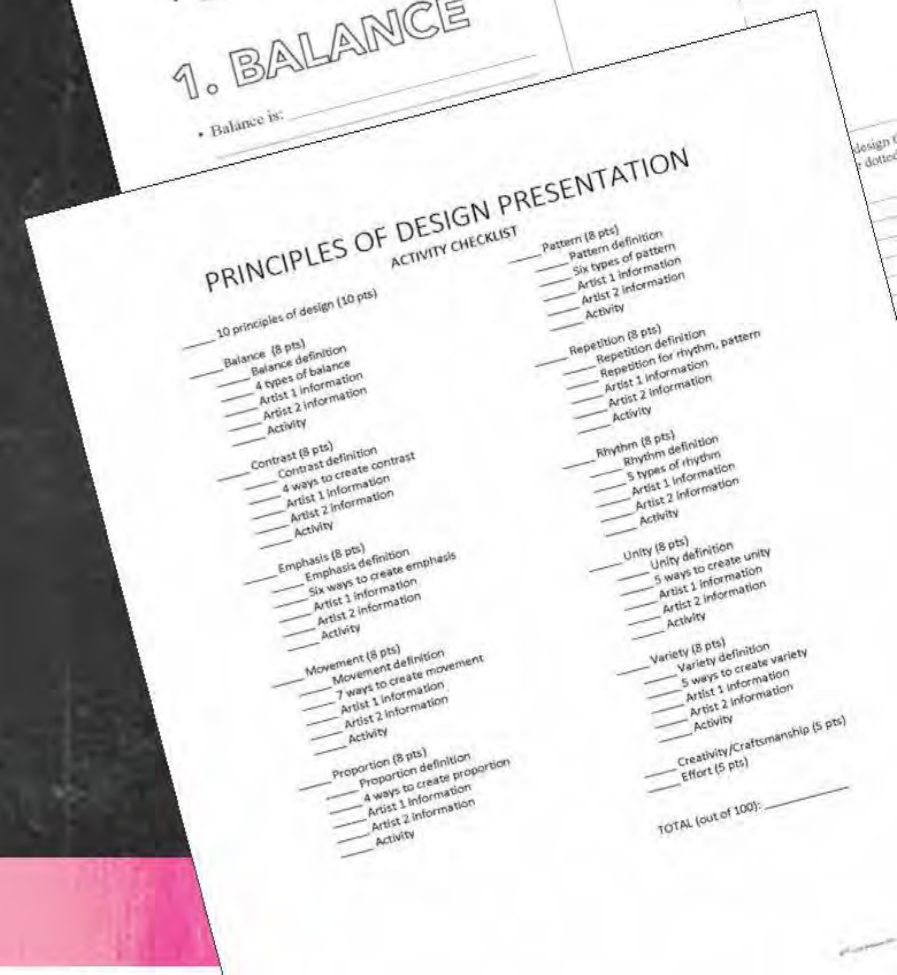
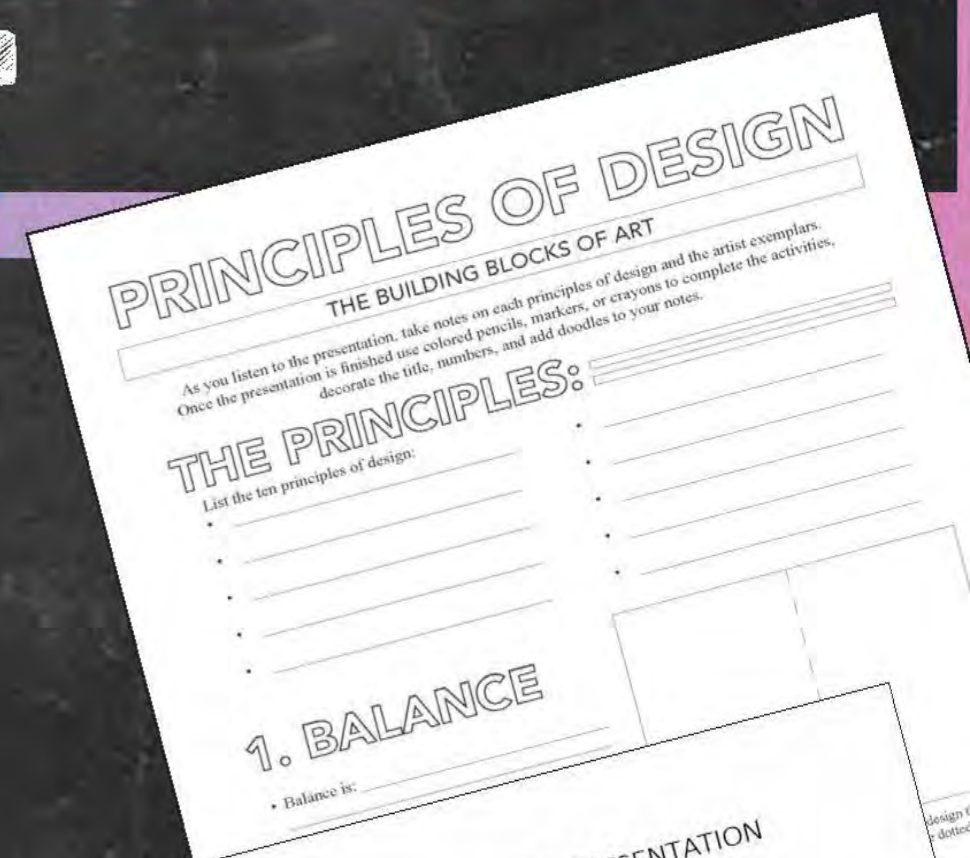


**Guides, presentations, & everything you need to teach.**

# WHAT YOU GET

## This Project Pack Includes:

- ✔ Lesson Plan (5 pages)
- ✔ Presentation (60 pages)
- ✔ Note taking sheet (6 pages)
- ✔ Checklist (1 page)
- ✔ Color and Colour spelling



# LESSON PLAN & TEACHER NOTES:

- BIG IDEA
  - ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS,
  - US NATIONAL STANDARDS
  - STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS
  - CLASSROOM SET UP
  - TEACHING TIPS
- & MORE!

## PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN Building Blocks of Art

### BIG IDEA:

- The building block of art

### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS:

- What are the principles of design?
- How do the principles of design work together to create a work of art?
- How can you use the principles of design to create artwork?

### OBJECTIVES: Students will...

- Learn about the ten principles of design
- Take notes
- Com
- learn

### STANDARD

Elementary  
Grade 4

- VA:R
- VA:R  
releva

Grade 5

- VA:R  
imager
- VA:R  
context  
identify

Middle School  
Grade

- Value: the lightness or darkness of a color.
- Space: The area within or around an object in a two-dimensional work of art or the area a three-dimensional work of art occupies.
- Form: how a three-dimensional work of art looks and takes up space or the illusion of an object in a two-dimensional work of art taking up space.
- Texture: the way an object feels or appears to feel (implied texture).
- Balance: creating even visual distribution of the elements of art. Balance helps a work of art feel stable.
- Contrast: Creating a focal point in a work of art by balancing elements next to each other that stand out against each other.
- Emphasis: A part of a work of art that catches the viewer's eye and brings it to the focal point of the design.

**5** PAGES



# PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

## THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF ART

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### THE PRINCIPLES:

List the ten principles of design:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

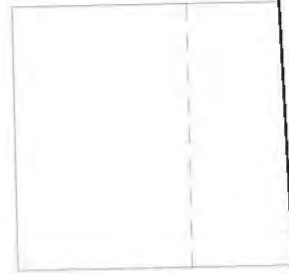
## 1. BALANCE

• Balance is: \_\_\_\_\_

• 4 types of balance are: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

• Artist 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_



Select one of the types of 4 balance, create a design with it, showing balance on both sides of the dot.

• Artist 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. CONTRAST

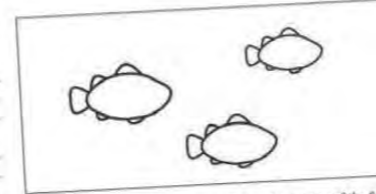
• Contrast is: \_\_\_\_\_

• Create contrast through shape by: \_\_\_\_\_

• Create contrast through color and value by: \_\_\_\_\_

• Create contrast through pattern by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Add to the scene to create contrast and emphasize one of the fish.

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Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

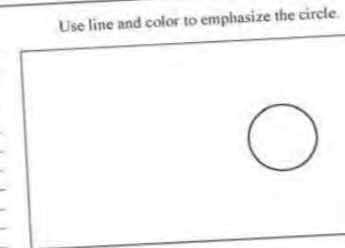
## 3. EMPHASIS

• Emphasis is: \_\_\_\_\_

• List six ways you can create emphasis using the elements of art: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

• Artist 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_



Use line and color to emphasize the circle.

• Artist 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. MOVEMENT

• Movement is: \_\_\_\_\_

• List 7 ways you can create a sense of movement in a work of art: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

• Artist 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

Use one of the techniques you listed to create a design with movement.



• Artist 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. PROPORTION

• Proportion is: \_\_\_\_\_

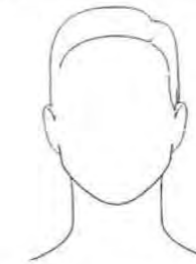
• Standard proportion is: \_\_\_\_\_

• Altered proportion is: \_\_\_\_\_

• Monumental proportion is: \_\_\_\_\_

• Miniature proportion is: \_\_\_\_\_

• Artist 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_



Add features to the face. Either plan them realistically for standard proportions or make them unrealistic for altered proportions.

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## 6. PATTERN

• Pattern is: \_\_\_\_\_

• List six types of pattern: \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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Use repeating lines, shapes, and colors to create a pattern to decorate the sweatshirt with.

• Artist 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. REPETITION

• Repetition is: \_\_\_\_\_

• Repetition creates rhythm through: \_\_\_\_\_

• Repetition creates pattern through: \_\_\_\_\_

• Artist 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_



Select one or multiple shapes above and repeat them in a way that shows pattern or rhythm.

• Artist 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born/Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
Art Movement: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fun Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

# ACTIVITIES

NOTE TAKING SHEET WITH ACTIVITIES, 6 PAGES

# PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN PRESENTATION

## ACTIVITY CHECKLIST

- 10 principles of design (10 pts)
- Balance (8 pts)
  - Balance definition
  - 4 types of balance
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information
  - Activity
- Contrast (8 pts)
  - Contrast definition
  - 4 ways to create contrast
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information
  - Activity
- Emphasis (8 pts)
  - Emphasis definition
  - Six ways to create emphasis
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information
  - Activity
- Movement (8 pts)
  - Movement definition
  - 7 ways to create movement
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information
  - Activity
- Proportion (8 pts)
  - Proportion definition
  - 4 ways to create proportion
- Pattern (8 pts)
  - Pattern definition
  - Six types of pattern
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information
  - Activity
- Repetition (8 pts)
  - Repetition definition
  - Repetition for rhythm, pattern
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information
  - Activity
- Rhythm (8 pts)
  - Rhythm definition
  - 5 types of rhythm
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information
  - Activity
- Unity (8 pts)
  - Unity definition
  - 5 ways to create unity
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information
  - Activity
- Variety (8 pts)
  - Variety definition
  - 5 ways to create variety
  - Artist 1 information
  - Artist 2 information

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# CHECKLIST

CHECK NOTE TAKING ACTIVITY COMPLETION

# BUYERS LOVE MY ART LESSONS:



This was so helpful to my students! The PowerPoint along with it was such a great resource and I will definitely be using this every year!



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