

## Visual Arts

### Resource List for Grades 9 through 12

The Resources in this document can be used with the Visual Arts Curriculum Packet for grades 9 through 12.

#### Books

##### Nonfiction and Biography

- The Art Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained, 2017 by DK (Author).  
From prehistoric cave paintings to postmodern art, this book explores more than 100 different movements, periods, and works throughout history.
- Art, Inc., 2014 by Lisa Congdon (Author), Meg Mateo Ilasco (Editor), Jonathan Fields (Foreword).  
This title explains the many ways you can earn a living by making art—through illustration, licensing, fine art sales, print sales, teaching, and beyond.
- Art: A World History, 2007 by Elke Linda Buchholz (Author), Susanne Kaeppeler (Author), Karoline Hille (Author), Irina Stotland (Author), Gerhard Buhler (Author).  
This handy volume includes 900 illustrations and takes the you on a tour of the most spectacular works of art around the world and throughout time.
- Artists: Their Lives and Works, 2017 by DK (Author), Ross King (Foreword).  
This book explores the vision and techniques of the greatest painters and sculptors throughout history, and tells the fascinating stories behind each masterpiece, including the historical context in which each artist worked, their influences, creative development, friendships, loves, and rivalries.
- A History of Photography: From 1839 to the Present, 2012 by The George Eastman House Collection (Editor).  
This volume curates the most impressive images from the collection in chronological order to offer an incomparable overview of photographic history.
- The Usborne Introduction to Art, 2005 by Rosie Dickins (Author), Mari Griffith (Author).  
The story of western painting - from ancient Egyptian tomb decoration to modern art - told clearly and simply, and illustrated with over 160 of the world's greatest works of art.

- The Story of Paintings: A History of Art for Children, 2017 by Mick Manning (Author), Brita Granström (Illustrator).  
From prehistoric cave art to graffiti, this beautiful compendium introduces students to the world of paintings.
- Getting to Know the World's Greatest Artists (Series of 47) by Mike Venezia (Author).  
A series of biographies of artists for students that provides fun, cartoon-style illustrations to complement the easy-to-read text and full-color reproductions of each master's artwork. Has primary sources, photos, illustrations, maps and timelines. Includes all the greats from Botticelli to Whistler.
- Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers, 2017 by Deborah Heiligman (Author).  
Meticulously researched, drawing on the 658 letters Vincent wrote to Theo during his lifetime, the author weaves a tale of two lives intertwined and the extraordinary love of the Van Gogh brothers.

## Fiction

- Blood Water Paint Hardcover – March 6, 2018 by Joy McCullough (Author).  
This novel in verse is a portrait of an artist as a young woman, filled with the highs of creative inspiration and the devastating setbacks of a system built to break her.
- I, Juan de Pareja: The Story of a Great Painter and the Slave He Helped Become a Great Artist, 1965 by Elizabeth Borton De Trevino (Author).  
When the great Velázquez was painting his masterpieces at the Spanish court in the seventeenth century, his colors were expertly mixed, and his canvases carefully prepared by his slave, Juan de Pareja. The author tells the story of Juan, who was born a slave and died an accomplished and respected artist.
- Picture Us in The Light, 2018 by Kelly Loy Gilbert (Author).  
The main character in this novel has been an artist for as long as he can remember, and it seems his path is set, but a secret from the past has him worried.
- The Second Mrs. Gioconda, 1998 by E.L. Konigsburg (Author).  
The Mona Lisa... Why did Leonardo da Vinci lavish three years on a painting of the second wife of an unimportant merchant when all the nobles of Europe were begging for a portrait by his hand?  
No one knows for sure. But this story, may hold the clue to the most famous, and puzzling, painting of all time.
- You're Welcome, Universe, 2018 by Whitney Gardner (Author).  
This novel is a dive into self-discovery for the deaf protagonist, and a compelling, engaging read for a wide variety of teens, including those interested in graffiti and street art.

## Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- Arts and Activities Magazine: A magazine for Art education.  
<https://artsandactivities.com/>
- Artsonia Kids Online Art Museum: Empowers students to display, and explain, their own creations. (Download from your app store)
- Big Kids Magazine: BIG Kids Magazine is an Australian contemporary arts publication, launched in 2011, that features the work of children and artists side by side.  
<http://bigkidsmagazine.com/about>
- Brush Painting Interactive: From the San Francisco Museum of Asian Art  
<http://education.asianart.org/explore-resources/lesson-or-activity/interactive-digital-brushpainting>
- Living Paintings: Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum  
This is a fun, easy, and visually pleasing way for kids to interact with works of fine art. It includes interactive games that are sometimes educational, other times just plain funny. (Download from your app store)
- Scholastic Art: The art magazine for kids  
<https://art.scholastic.com/>

## Online Links

- Adobe Spark: This free, one-stop shop for creating sleek graphics, web stories, and animated videos is incredibly easy to use and challenges students to think critically about visual presentation. Available at <https://spark.adobe.com/edu/>
- ArtsEdge: Impressive cross-curricular resource helps put the A in STEAM from the Kennedy Center.  
<http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/educators.aspx>
- The Artist's Toolkit: Visual Exploration of Art Elements  
[http://archive.artsmia.org/artists\\_toolkit/explore.cfm.html](http://archive.artsmia.org/artists_toolkit/explore.cfm.html)
- Google Art Project: Browse 30,000 artworks by collections, artists, artworks, or user-submitted galleries. Explore galleries by clicking on the little person icon and navigate virtual spaces using the arrows and magnifier. Kids can make their own galleries when logged in to Google by clicking a button within each image and curating collections.  
<http://www.google.com/culturalinstitute/project/art-project>
- Meet Me at Midnight: Fascinating game teaches kids about art.  
[http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/online/midnight/default\\_flash.html](http://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/online/midnight/default_flash.html)
- The Metropolitan museum of Art, #metkids: Made for, with, and by kids, this site offers exploration and artistic fun.  
<https://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

- National Gallery of Art Kidzone: NGAkids interactives offer an entertaining and informative introduction to art and art history. Featuring a variety of art-making tools that encourage exploration and creativity, these computer-based activities are suitable for all ages.  
<https://www.nga.gov/education/kids.html>
- St. Louis Art Museum Exhibits: The Art of Africa, The Art of China and Japan, and more.  
<http://www.slam.org/education/learningresources.php>

### **Background information for the Educator**

- Art Workshops for Children, 2015 by Hervé Tullet (Author).  
Art Workshops for Children is a guide for parents and teachers to organize and execute artistic workshops for children.
- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art for Educators  
<https://www.sfmoma.org/educators/>