

## Visual Arts Resource List for Grades 5 through 8

The Resources in this document can be used with the Visual Arts Curriculum Packet for grades 5 through 8.

### Books

#### Nonfiction and Biography

- [The Arts: A Visual Encyclopedia](#), 2017 by DK (Author).  
The most visual and comprehensive encyclopedia for children that charts the evolution of the world's greatest cultural achievements in painting, sculpture, photography, music, and dance.
- [Can You Find It?: Search and Discover More Than 150 Details in 19 Works of Art](#), 2002 by Judith Cressy (Author).  
Published in association with The Metropolitan Museum of Art, this book presents a collection of nineteen well-known paintings which show how, through the centuries, artists have hidden small details to be discovered by curious eyes.
- [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.
- [Interesting Facts About the Ancient African Art - Art History for Kids | Children's Art Books](#), 2017 by Baby Professor (Author).  
Ancient African art is history, culture and tradition fused into one. Studying art will provide a glimpse into the culture and belief systems of a civilization.
- [National Geographic Kids Guide to Photography: Tips & Tricks on How to Be a Great Photographer from the Pros & Your Pals at My Shot](#), 2015 by Nancy Honovich (Author), Annie Griffiths (Author).  
Learn from the pros how to take great photos to share with friends and family! This guide that is-packed with all the essentials for budding photographers.

- 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.

## Fiction

- Clicky Jules: Love Is All Around, 2016 by Lauren Palermo (Author).  
Jules is a creative and imaginative girl with a shiny, new camera! Follow Jules on her picture-taking adventure and discover what surprises she finds along the way!
- The Drawing Lesson: A Graphic Novel That Teaches You How to Draw, 2016 by Mark Crilley (Author).  
In this unique book, you will have a drawing mentor that teaches you about the fundamental's artists need to master drawing.
- From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, 1968 by E.L. Konigsburg (Author).  
A young girls runs away but doesn't want to get cold or dirty, so she camps out in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- The Metropolitans, 2018 by Carol Goodman (Author).  
The day Japan bombs Pearl Harbor, four thirteen-year-olds converge at the Metropolitan Museum of Art where an eccentric curator is seeking four uncommonly brave souls to track down a mysterious document.
- Mona Lisa's Ghost, 2017 by Nancy Kunhardt Lodge (Author).  
In 1503, Leonardo da Vinci was commissioned to paint a young woman's portrait, but he never gave it to her. That woman was Lisa Gherardini, the real Mona Lisa. Now after five hundred years she has come back to get her portrait.
- Pieces and Players, 2016 by Blue Balliett (Author).  
Thirteen extremely valuable pieces of art have been stolen from one of the most secretive museums in the world. A Vermeer has vanished. A Manet is missing. And nobody has any idea where they and the other eleven artworks might be . . . or who might have stolen them.

## 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

- 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.
- ArtsEdge: Impressive cross-curricular resource helps put the A in STEAM from the Kennedy Center.  
<http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/educators.aspx>
- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art for Educators  
<https://www.sfmoma.org/educators/>