



Using the Elements of Art

Artists use seven elements of art in different ways in their art. Part Two of *How to Teach Art to Children* focuses on 24 famous artists and cultures. An accompanying activity allows the pupil to experience the style of each artist.

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How to Use Part Two

The following experiences help pupils see how famous artists from ancient times to the present have used the basic elements of art to express themselves.

The Experiences

There are 24 experiences in Part Two of *How to Teach Art to Children*. Each experience is based on the work of a famous artist and includes the following components:

- a brief background statement about the artist
- a list of the art elements that are the focal point of the experience
- literature references for learning more about the artist
- a list of materials needed
- step-by-step directions for the experience

Using the Experiences

Follow these simple steps to use the experiences:

- Choose the experiences you want to use. The simplest ones are presented first, but all can be adapted to the appropriate level for your pupils.
- Gather examples of the featured artist's work. Books and magazines, museum catalogues and web galleries are great resources.
- Explain the experience to your pupils. Encourage creativity.
- Allow time for the thoughtful completion of the experiences.
- Discuss your pupils' experiences and how they might parallel those of the famous artist.
- Display finished art.

