

## ONLINE RESOURCES

### 1. ACTIVITIES, LESSON PLANS AND CLASSROOM RESOURCES

#### **A to Z Teacher Stuff**

<http://atozteacherstuff.com/>

Search for lesson plans in various categories, including the arts. Also offers links to lesson plans and “printables” (worksheets on the body, days, months, etc.)

#### **Art, Books and Creativity**

<http://www.artbookscreativity.org/>

A yearlong arts curriculum developed by the National Museum of Women in the Arts, ABC provides meaningful arts learning experiences while highlighting the natural connections between visual arts and language arts. ABC is a model for integrating the visual arts into the core curriculum while maintaining a specific focus on the contributions of women artists to our shared cultural history.

#### **Arts 21 – Discovering 21<sup>st</sup> Century Arts**

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/arts/>

Search the PBS database by topic and grade to find classroom activities in all subjects, including the arts.

#### **A Brush with Wildlife**

<http://www.wildlifeart.org/Rungius/>

Students can follow an animated step-by-step multi-disciplinary lesson, developed by the National Museum of Wildlife Art, to learn the principles of art. Students can create art in the composition studio and then submit it to the critique gallery.

#### **BrainDance**

<http://www.creativedance.org/about/braindance.cfm>

**BrainDance** is a full body and brain warm-up for children and adults in all settings. The **BrainDance** can be done at the beginning of class; before tests, performances, and presentations; and during computer work and TV watching for brain reorganization, oxygenation, and recuperation.

#### **Crayola Creativity Central**

<http://www.crayola.com/educators>

Lesson plans (pre-k – 12), including visual arts. In the lesson plans, teachers can choose a medium, a curriculum, a grade, or a time frame. Also, offers creativity ideas, arts and crafts, a certificate maker, and other Crayola and arts-friendly ideas for teachers.

#### **Discovery**

<http://school.discovery.com>

An excellent resource for teachers, students and parents. Includes information on the earth and life sciences.

### **Getty's "Scope and Sequence" Curriculum Guide**

<http://getty.edu/education/search/>

Search the Getty Lesson Plans database by subject and grade level for lesson plans on various subjects, including arts.

### **Haiku Straw Painting**

<http://www.kinderart.com/across/haikustrawpainting.shtml>

KinderArt.com offers a cross-discipline lesson plan (for all grades) that combines Japanese Brush Painting with Haiku poems.

### **Kennedy Center: Arts Edge**

<http://artsedge.kennedy-center.org/>

Features a series of links and how-to's, and K-12 lesson plans in Dance, Music, Theater, Visual Arts, and non-arts related subjects.

### **KinderArt**

<http://www.kinderart.com>

A resource for educators and students grades K-12. Includes lesson plans, art library and biographies of individual artists.

### **Music K-8**

<http://www.musick8.com>

Catalog-style online resource magazine for elementary and middle school teachers that features music products that are educationally sound and designed to motivate today's children. Priced and packaged to provide high value for educators with limited budgets.

### **National Gallery of Art Teaching Resources**

<http://www.nga.gov/education/american/aasplash.htm>

Explore ten themes in American Art, such as historical subjects, narrative art, and landscape painting. Each theme includes an essay with a list of artists, images, and glossary.

### **Open Court Resources**

<http://www.opencourtresources.com/>

Teacher-created resources and curriculum listed per grade and topic.

### **PBS Teacher Source**

<http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>

Offers online professional development courses and an extensive body of free lesson plans. Categories in "arts and literature" include architecture, critical thinking, media studies and dramatics, along with visual arts and other arts and non-arts content areas.

### **Princeton "Incredible Art Department"**

<http://www.princetonol.com/groups/iad/>

Offers a variety of entirely arts-related links, materials, tips, and information and includes art games and topics such as art history and free time activities. Start by looking around the "incredibly art lessons" page:

### **Putumayo Kids**

[http://www.putumayo.com/en/putumayo\\_kids.htm](http://www.putumayo.com/en/putumayo_kids.htm)

Award-winning organization committed to expanding multicultural awareness through music. Has an extensive catalog of materials that meet educational standards.

### **Scholastic**

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/>

Provides tools and resources, teaching strategies, and lesson plans (including a limited selection of arts-related lesson plans). Various activities can be printed ready for the classroom.

### **S.C.O.R.E. CyberGuides**

<http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/cyberguide.html>

### **Sites for Teachers**

<http://www.sitesforteachers.com>

An extensive resource list of web sites and links. Includes links to art, language, math, music, science and social science.

### **Teacher-Created Resources: The Teachers Guide**

<http://www.theteachersguide.com/Artlessonplans.html>

A teacher-created and teacher-oriented website that includes a small list of simple lesson plans for arts and crafts projects. Also includes links to other sites where teachers have been able to post lesson plans.

### **TeAchnology**

<http://teach-nology.com/>

Teaching with technology, resources, and tools for teachers; includes lesson plans.

### **Timeline of Art History**

<http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/splash.htm>

The NY-based Metropolitan Museum of Art presents an interactive timeline of Art History. Under each time segment, students can select different geographical regions to read an overview and key artistic events of that location.

### **Trash for Teaching**

<http://www.trashforteaching.org/>

A great resource for getting art supplies.

### **Visual Thinking Strategies**

<http://www.vtshome.org/>

VTS is a school curriculum and teaching method that uses art to develop critical thinking, communication and visual literacy skills, asks educators to facilitate learner-centered discussions of visual art, engages learners in a rigorous process of examination and meaning-making through visual art and much more!

## **2. ASSOCIATIONS**

### **Arts Education Partnership**

<http://www.aep-arts.org/>

Collaboration between arts, education, business, philanthropic and government organizations that promote educational policies supportive of arts education. Multiple publications available documenting current research in arts education.

### **Arts for L.A.**

<http://artsforla..org/>

“Arts for LA is an arts advocacy organization working to foster a healthy environment in which the arts and culture may thrive and be accessible to all in the 88 municipalities and 81 school districts in Los Angeles County.”

### **California Alliance for Arts Education**

<http://www.artsed411.org/>

“The California Alliance for Arts Education promotes, supports, and advocates visual and performing arts education for preschool through post-secondary students in California schools.”

### **California Arts Education Association**

<http://www.caea-arteducation.org>

Various programs for teachers and students. Scholarships and awards are available. Download and print Youth Art Month activities. Explore the list of other sites.

## **3. INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Armory Center for the Arts**

<http://www.armoryarts.org>

The Armory Center offers arts classes through various programs, paid and free, held in the Armory Center, at the school, or in other community buildings. They also offer classes for teachers and professional development workshops.

<http://www.armoryarts.org/programs/professional.html>

### **Creative Dance Center**

<http://www.creativedance.org/index.cfm>

Founded in 1989 by Anne Green Gilbert in Seattle, WA, provides quality, brain-compatible dance education for people of all ages - infant to adult. (see “BrainDance” in Activities section)

### **Kyoto National Museum**

[http://www.kyohaku.go.jp/eng/index\\_top.html](http://www.kyohaku.go.jp/eng/index_top.html)

Features an online gallery of Muromachi Ink Paintings along with English descriptions. Students can zoom in to observe the details of the paintings.

### **Lincoln Center Institute**

<http://www.lcinstitute.org>

The Lincoln Center Institute has programs, professional development opportunities and resources to share with educators.

### **Los Angeles County Art Museum (LACMA)**

<http://www.lacma.org/programs/TeachersSchoolsEE.aspx>

The Evenings for Educators program provides professional development for teachers. They also have extensive art education opportunities for students K-12.

### **Museum of Contemporary Art – Los Angeles**

[http://www.moca.org/museum/learn\\_educators.php](http://www.moca.org/museum/learn_educators.php)

The Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art has various educational programs, and group visiting opportunities for all ages of students and classrooms.

### **Music Center Education Division**

<http://www.musiccenter.org/education/>

Features calendars of events held at the center and programs in the schools. They also offer lesson plans by grade and art forms developed by participants of their professional development programs.

### **Scholarship Audition Performance Preparatory Academy (SAPPA)**

<http://sappa.net/>

“[SAPPA] serves communities in Southern California as an outreach and training program that identifies youth in underserved communities and connects them to existing music and arts education programs. SAPPA also provides music workshop programs in selected areas and, although this program is for all young people, it is currently focusing on communities with the highest percentage of at risk youth. We work with students to develop character, discipline, aspirations and stimulate the competitive spirit, giving the students clear and identifiable goals. We provide support for families by providing information and assisting them through the application process and preparing the student for auditions and interviews.”

## **4. WEB RESOURCES**

### **ArtLex**

[www.artlex.com](http://www.artlex.com)

This site has an extensive art dictionary with definitions of more than 3,100 terms used in the visual arts. Includes links to other resources for educators, students and artists.

### **Arts for All – Resources for Schools & Communities**

<http://tools.laartsed.org/default.aspx>

Features an arts education program directory local to Los Angeles and tools/resources supporting arts education. Produced by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission.

### **Asia Art Net**

<http://www.asia-art.net/>

Promotes the appreciation of traditional and modern art from Asian countries. Provides the history and methods of Asian brush techniques, and describes many other Asian art styles.

### **Experience LA**

<http://www.experiencela.com/>

Search this site to find art events local to your school and home.

### **LA Culture Net**

[http://www.lacountyarts.org/about\\_joinemail.htm](http://www.lacountyarts.org/about_joinemail.htm)

LA Culture Net is an email list which posts grants, workshop opportunities and arts opportunities in the Los Angeles area.