Unit Description:

In this unit students explore the concepts of how artists use documentation of their artwork to learn from their body of work over time. Students will incorporate this practice into their own artmaking throughout the course.

UNIT: Digital Portfolio-Set up and Uses

Content Area	Visual Arts	Grade Level	High School	
Course Name/Course Code	Drawing	·	•	_
Standard	Grade Level Expectations (GLE)			GLE Code
Observe and Learn to Comprehend	Visual art has inherent characteristics and expressive features		VA09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.1	
	2. Historical and cultural context are found in visual art		VA09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.2	
	3. Art and design have purpose and function		VA09-GR.HS-S.1-GLE.3	
2. Envision and Critique to Reflect	1. Reflective strategies are used to understand the creative process		VA09-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.1	
	2. A personal philosophy of art is accomplished through use of sophisticated language and studio art processes		VA09-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.2	
	3. Interpretation is a means for understanding and evaluating works of art		VA09-GR.HS-S.2-GLE.3	
3. Invent and Discover to Create	Demonstrate competency in traditional and new art media, and apply appropriate and available technology for the expression of ideas		VA09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.1	
	2. Assess and produce art with various materials and metho	ds		VA09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.2
	3. Make judgments from visual messages		VA09-GR.HS-S.3-GLE.3	
4. Relate and Connect to	The work of art scholars impacts how art is viewed today		VA09-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.1	
Transfer	2. Communication through advanced visual methods is a necessary skill in everyday life		VA09-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.2	
	3. Art is a lifelong endeavor		VA09-GR.HS-S.4-GLE.3	

Colorado 21st Century Skills



Critical Thinking and Reasoning: *Thinking Deeply, Thinking Differently*

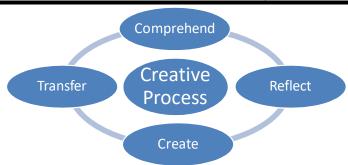
Information Literacy: Untangling the Web

Collaboration: Working Together, Learning

Together

Self-Direction: Own Your Learning

Invention: Creating Solutions



The Colorado Academic Standards for Visual Arts are not intended to be taught in a linear (checklist of coverage) fashion, but rather should be implemented as a cyclical creative process. Each unit within this sample blueprint intentionally includes standards from all four visual arts standards to illustrate this process-based philosophy.

Unit Title	Choice and Digital Portfolios		Length of Unit	Quarter/Semester/Year
Focusing Lens(es)	Communication	Standards and Grade Level Expectations Addressed in this Unit	Envision and Critique to Reflect Relate and Connect to Transfer	
Inquiry Questions (Engaging- Debatable):	 To what extent does a work of art depend on the artist's point of view? How and why is art used as a vehicle for communication? 			
Unit Strands	Comprehend/Reflect/Create/Transfer			
Concepts	artist point of view, reflection, critique, process,			

Generalizations My students will Understand that	Guiding Questions Factual Conceptual	
Artists use various methods to document their work and for various reasons.	How do artists document their work?	Why do artists feel the need to communicate?
Artists learn and grow by paying attention to their work, the themes, methods, habits, and content that they incorporate into their work.	How can artists use documentation to inform and grow from their work?	What does it mean to pay attention to your artwork and how might that influence your art making?

Critical Content: My students will Know	Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
 How to use SeeSaw to document their work How to conduct interviews that pull out content and reflection on their art making process and product Examples of artists who used digital means to document their art making process and product 	 Make videos for use on SeeSaw Take photos and upload them to their SeeSaw accounts Write artist statements Reflect in writing on the process of their making Observe and critique their artmaking over time and analyze verbally on video or in writing how their work is evolving Reflect and plan for what they might do next based on what they have already done

Texts for independent reading or for class read aloud to support the content	
Informational/Non-Fiction	Fiction
Text or article on digital portfolios Blog with portfolio to read and examine	

Prior Knowledge and Experiences

Anticipate a variety of experience using digital media from beginner to advanced. Incorporate a system that allows advanced students to assist beginners. Take baseline for each student to understand growth over time.

Learning Experience # 1

Students explore inquiry questions and see teacher presentation of SeeSaw capabilities. Student set up their See Saw sites and upload a picture for their profile.

Generalization Connection(s):	Expression in art can communicate, examine, and challenge tradition.
Teacher Resources:	https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us
Student Resources:	https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us
Assessment:	Student will learn and understand many reasons why artists document their work. Student will begin documenting their own work by creating a seesaw site for future use to document their artmaking process.

Learning Experience #2

Students will explore a variety of artist videos and digital portfolios to come up with meaningful questions that they as students might ask themselves as they prepare to document their artwork

Teacher Resources:	Artist videos and digital portfolios, previous student examples
Student Resources:	N/A

Learning Experience #3

Student will interview each other about their artwork using questions developed in previous class.

Learning Experience # 4

Students will over time add to their portfolio at intervals-documenting beginning thoughts, mid process and end result and over time reflection on their body of work, considering how their projects are related and how they build on and evolve from one project to the next.