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3rd Grade

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**CREATING**
- I can elaborate on an imaginative idea.
- I can apply knowledge of available resources, tools, and technologies to investigate personal ideas through the art-making process.
- I can create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials.
- I can demonstrate an understanding of the safe and proficient use of materials, tools, and equipment for a variety of artistic processes.
- I can individually or collaboratively construct representations, diagrams, or maps of places that are part of everyday life.
- I can elaborate visual information by adding details in an artwork to enhance emerging meaning.

**PRESENTING**
- I can investigate and discuss possibilities and limitations of spaces, including electronic, for exhibiting artwork.
- I can identify exhibit space and prepare works of art including artists’ statements, for presentation.
- I can identify and explain how and where different cultures record and illustrate stories and history of life through art.

**RESPONDING**
- I can speculate about processes an artist uses to create a work of art.
- I can determine messages communicated by an image.
- I can interpret art by analyzing use of media to create subject matter, characteristics of form, and mood.
- I can evaluate an artwork based on given criteria.

**CONNECTING**
- I can develop a work of art based on observations of surroundings.
- I can recognize that responses to art change depending on knowledge of the time and place in which it was made.
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**CREATING**
- I can brainstorm multiple approaches to a creative art or design problem.
- I can collaboratively set goals and create artwork that is meaningful and has purpose to the makers.
- I can explore and invent art-making techniques and approaches.
- I can when making works of art, utilize and care for materials, tools, and equipment in a manner that prevents danger to oneself and others.
- I can document, describe, and represent regional constructed environments.
- I can revise artwork in progress on the basis of insights gained through peer discussion.

**PRESENTING**
- I can analyze how past, present, and emerging technologies have impacted the preservation and presentation of artwork.
- I can analyze the various considerations for presenting and protecting art in various locations, indoor or outdoor settings, in temporary or permanent forms, and in physical or digital formats.
- I can compare and contrast purposes of art museums, art galleries, and other venues, as well as the types of personal experiences they provide.

**RESPONDING**
- I can compare responses to a work of art before and after working in similar media.
- I can analyze components in visual imagery that convey message.
- I can interpret art by referring to contextual information and analyzing relevant subject matter, characteristics of form, and use of media.
- I can apply one set of criteria to evaluate more than one work of art.

**CONNECTING**
- I can create works of art that reflect community cultural traditions.
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CREATING
- I can combine ideas to generate an innovative idea for art-making.
- I can identify and demonstrate diverse methods of artistic investigation to choose an approach for beginning a work of art.
- I can experiment and develop skills in multiple art-making techniques and approaches through practice.
- I can demonstrate quality craftsmanship through care for and use of materials, tools, and equipment.
- I can identify, describe, and visually document places and/or objects of personal significance.
- I can create artist statements using art vocabulary to describe personal choices in art-making.

PRESENTING
- I can define the roles and responsibilities of a curator, explaining the skills and knowledge needed in preserving, maintaining, and presenting objects, artifacts, and artwork.
- I can develop a logical argument for safe and effective use of materials and techniques for preparing and presenting artwork.
- I can cite evidence about how an exhibition in a museum or other venue presents ideas and provides information about a specific concept or topic.

RESPONDING
- I can compare one’s own interpretation of a work of art with the interpretation of others.
- I can identify and analyze cultural associations suggested by visual imagery.
- I can interpret art by analyzing characteristics of form and structure, contextual information, subject matter, visual elements, and use of media to identify ideas and mood conveyed.
- I can recognize differences in criteria used to evaluate works of art depending on styles, genres, and Media as well as historical and cultural contexts.

CONNECTING
- I can apply formal and conceptual vocabularies of art and design to view surroundings in new ways through art-making.
- I can identify how art is used to inform or change beliefs, values, or behaviors of an individual or society.
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**CREATING**
- Combine concepts collaboratively to generate innovative ideas for creating art.
- Formulate an artistic investigation of personally relevant content for creating art.
- Demonstrate openness in trying new ideas, materials, methods, and approaches in making works of art and design.
- Explain environmental implications of conservation, care, and clean-up of art materials, tools, and equipment.
- Design or redesign objects, places, or systems that meet the identified needs of diverse users.
- I can reflect on whether personal artwork conveys the intended meaning and revise accordingly.

**PRESENTING**
- Analyze similarities and differences associated with preserving and presenting two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and digital artwork.
- Individually or collaboratively, develop a visual plan for displaying works of art, analyzing exhibit space, the needs of the viewer, and the layout of the exhibit.
- Assess, explain, and provide evidence of how museums or other venues reflect history and values of a community.

**RESPONDING**
- Identify and interpret works of art or design that reveal how people live around the world and what they value.
- Analyze ways that visual components and cultural associations suggested by images influence ideas, emotions, and actions. Interpret art by distinguishing between relevant and non-relevant contextual information and analyzing subject matter, characteristics of form and structure, and use of media to identify ideas and mood conveyed.
- Develop and apply relevant criteria to evaluate a work of art.

**CONNECTING**
- Generate a collection of ideas reflecting current interests and concerns that could be investigated in artmaking.
- Analyze how art reflects changing times, traditions, resources, and cultural uses.
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CREATING
• Apply methods to overcome creative blocks.
• Develop criteria to guide making a work of art or design to meet an identified goal.
• Demonstrate persistence in developing skills with various materials, methods, and approaches in creating works of art or design.
• Demonstrate awareness of ethical responsibility to oneself and others when posting and sharing images and other materials through the Internet, social media, and other communication formats.
• Apply visual organizational strategies to design and produce a work of art, design, or media that clearly communicates information or ideas I can reflect on whether personal artwork conveys the intended meaning and revise accordingly.

PRESENTING
• Compare and contrast how technologies have changed the way artwork is preserved, presented, and experienced.
• Based on criteria, analyze and evaluate methods for preparing and presenting art.
• Compare and contrast viewing and experiencing collections and exhibitions in different venues

RESPONDING
• Explain how the method of display, the location, and the experience of an artwork influence how it is perceived and valued.
• Analyze multiple ways that images influence specific audiences Interpret art by analyzing art-making approaches, the characteristics of form and structure, relevant contextual information, subject matter, and use of media to identify ideas and mood conveyed.
• Compare and explain the difference between an evaluation of an artwork based on personal criteria and an evaluation of an artwork based on a set of established criteria.

CONNECTING
• Individually or collaboratively create visual documentation of places and times in which people gather to make and experience art or design in the community.
• Analyze how response to art is influenced by understanding the time and place in which it was created, the available resources, and cultural uses.
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**CREATING**

- Document early stages of the creative process visually and/or verbally in traditional or new media.
- Collaboratively shape an artistic investigation of an aspect of present-day life using a contemporary practice of art and design.
- Demonstrate willingness to experiment, innovate, and take risks to pursue ideas, forms, and meanings that emerge in the process of art-making or designing.
- Demonstrate awareness of practices, issues, and ethics of appropriation, fair use, copyright, open source, and creative commons as they apply to creating works of art and design.
- Select, organize, and design images and words to make visually clear and compelling presentations.
- I can apply relevant criteria to examine, reflect on, and plan revisions for a work of art or design in progress.

**PRESENTING**

- Develop and apply criteria for evaluating a collection of artwork for presentation.
- Collaboratively prepare and present selected theme-based artwork for display, and formulate exhibition narratives for the viewer.
- Analyze why and how an exhibition or collection may influence ideas, beliefs, and experiences.

**RESPONDING**

- Explain how a person’s aesthetic choices are influenced by culture and environment and impact the visual image that one conveys to others.
- Compare and contrast contexts and media in which viewers encounter images that influence ideas, emotions, and actions.
- Interpret art by analyzing how the interaction of subject matter, characteristics of form and structure, use of media, art-making approaches, and relevant contextual information contributes to understanding messages or ideas and mood conveyed.
- Create a convincing and logical argument to support an evaluation of art.

**CONNECTING**

- Make art collaboratively to reflect on and reinforce positive aspects of group identity.
- Distinguish different ways art is used to represent, establish, reinforce, and reflect group identity.
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**CREATING**
- Use multiple approaches to begin creative endeavors.
- Shape an artistic investigation of an aspect of present-day life using a contemporary practice of art or design.
- Engage in making a work of art or design without having a preconceived plan.
- Explain how traditional and non-traditional materials may impact human health and the environment and demonstrate safe handling of materials, tools, and equipment.
- Collaboratively develop a proposal for an installation, artwork, or space design that transforms the perception and experience of a particular place.
- Apply relevant criteria from traditional and contemporary cultural contexts to examine, reflect on, and plan revisions for works of art and design in progress.

**RESPONDING**
- Hypothesize ways in which art influences perception and understanding of human experiences.
- Analyze how one’s understanding of the world is affected by experiencing visual imagery.
- Interpret an artwork or collection of works, supported by relevant and sufficient evidence found in the work and its various contexts.
- Establish relevant criteria in order to evaluate a work of art or collection of works.

**CONNECTING**
- Document the process of developing ideas from early stages to fully elaborated ideas.
- Describe how knowledge of culture, traditions, and history may influence personal responses to art

**PRESENTING**
- Analyze, select, and curate artifacts and/or artworks for presentation and preservation.
- Analyze and evaluate the reasons and ways an exhibition is presented.
- Analyze and describe the impact that an exhibition or collection has on personal awareness of social, cultural, or political beliefs and understanding.
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**CREATING**
- Individually or collaboratively formulate new creative problems based on student’s existing artwork.
- Choose from a range of materials and methods of traditional and contemporary artistic practices to plan works of art and design.
- Through experimentation, practice, and persistence, demonstrate acquisition of skills and knowledge in a chosen art form.
- Demonstrate awareness of ethical implications of making and distributing creative work.
- Redesign an object, system, place, or design in response to contemporary issues.

**RESPONDING**
- Recognize and describe personal aesthetic and empathetic responses to the natural world and constructed environments.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of an image or images to influence ideas, feelings, and behaviors of specific audiences.
- Identify types of contextual information useful in the process of constructing interpretations of an artwork or collection of work.
- Determine the relevance of criteria used by others to evaluate a work of art or collection of works.

**PRESENTING**
- Analyze, select, and critique personal artwork for a collection or portfolio presentation.
- Evaluate, select, and apply methods or processes appropriate to display artwork in a specific place.
- Make, explain, and justify connections between artists or artwork and social, cultural, and political history.

**CONNECTING**
- Utilize inquiry methods of observation, research, and experimentation to explore unfamiliar subjects through art-making.
- Compare uses of art in a variety of societal, cultural, and historical contexts and make connections to uses of art in contemporary and local contexts.
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