# *The Daily Act of Art Making* Teacher's Guide



Elizabeth Thompson, Beach Show, 2016. Thompson Family Collection.



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View *The Daily Act of Art Making* exhibition page here: <u>The Daily Act of Art Making Solo</u> <u>Exhibitions: Jaime Grant, Elizabeth Thompson, Matthew Carone - Currently on view webpage</u>

The Museum Education Team is here to help, and eager to bring valuable experiences to you and your students. Please feel free to contact the team with any ideas, concerns, or questions using the contact information found on page 2.

We hope you and your students enjoy your visit!

Sincerely,

NSU Art Museum Education Department

# ABOUT MUSEUM ON THE MOVE

Museum on the Move is an innovative education program that invites Broward County students to NSU Art Museum. The program enhances learning and increases engagement by involving students in interactive programs of the Museum's exhibitions and hands-on art activities based on principles of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) along with 21st Century learning skills. These programs combine observations and discussions of the artwork where students learn to recognize mediums, materials, and the artistic process. The art activities are designed for students to recognize how different elements function together to express ideas and emotions, solve visual dilemmas, and realize artists' intentions. Book your Museum on the Move field trip today. All Broward County Public Schools receive free transportation and tour! During their encounter, students participate in a guided tour led by an Art Educator. Students engage in conversation exploring methods of critical, and divergent thinking. In-person field trip visits also include a hands-on art making activity led by an educator, Additionally, virtual offerings can be tailored to the needs of the virtual classroom. Several virtual learning modules are available to choose from, each specially designed to suit your teaching needs: Live Virtual Zoom Tours (one per semester), and Elements of Art and Principles of Design prerecorded video series includes art talk and activity, art making videos and printable lessons and activities.

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# ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

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#### KEY ARTISTS

Jaime Grant Elizabeth Thompson Matthew Carone

#### KEY TERMS

Abstract Art – Art that Increasingly moves away from the naturalistic image although it is still somewhat identifiable.

Process Art – Focuses more on the act of making, experimenting, and discovering, rather than the art product itself.

Narrative - Something that tells a story.

Landscape - Show us natural scenery like mountains, buildings, and other views outside.

Mural - A painting applied directly to a wall usually in a public space.

#### Teacher Guide Activities Overview

The activities in this guide can be adapted to fit the grade level of your students. Each activity is based on the featured artists in the exhibition. Feel free to use this guide as a starting point for your physical or virtual classroom. Description: The work of *The Daily Act of Art Making* explores South Florida artists who have dedicated their long careers to the daily act of art making Through discussion, research, writing, and observation, students will explore the concepts associated with these artists and their work.

Learning Objectives:

- Students will analyze artworks and think critically about what artists may have intended to represent in their works.
- Students will compare and contrast the modern period to present day.
- Students will build an understanding of the art-making process by creating plans for artworks of their own.

**Essential Questions:** 

- What can we learn about life and culture from the past?
  - How does life and culture compare to today?
- What aspects of these South Florida artist's artwork allows you to understand the lifestyle and events of the specific time the art was made?
- How have the artists used their medium to communicate, or archive their ideas?

# Western Art History Timeline

#### Prehistoric (30,000 BC - 2500 BC)

Associated with art made prior to the invention of written languages and record keeping, like cave paintings and stone carvings

#### Greek Classical ( 500 BC - 300 BC)

Associated with idealized images of the human form, seen in red and black – figure pottery, marble sculpture and architecture.

#### Byzantine ( 500 - 1200)

Associated with mosaics and stylized, symbolic art that presented Christian themes.

#### Romanesque (1000 - 1300)

Associated with art supported by religious patrons, strayed away from realism, and included high relief sculpture and stained glass.

#### Renaissance (1400 - 1525)

Associated with a revival of classic Greek and Roman aesthetics, references to the bible and mythological subject matter, and realistic paintings and sculptures.

#### Dutch Realism (1600 - 1700)

Associated with small scale artwork, depicting symbolic images, and everyday activities of common people.

#### Rococo (1730 - 1800)

Associated with highly decorated, - ornate, and lighthearted subject matter.

#### Ancient Egyptian ( 3,000 BC - 300 AD) Associated with stylized depictions of people, and objects used for religious and ceremonial purposes, like canopic jars, and sarcophagi.

#### Roman Classical ( 500 BC - 450 AD)

Associated with narrative art that realistically depicts figures and architecture.

Celtic, Saxon, and Viking Art (600 - 900) Associated with illuminated manuscripts and ornate metalwork.

#### Gothic (1100 - 1500)

Associated with religious sculpture, stained glasses, and a unique architectural style, recognized through elements like pointed arches, flying buttresses, and rose windows.

#### Mannerism (1520 - 1600)

Associated with exaggerated, distorted figures and complex subjects.

#### Baroque (1600 - 1700)

Associated with themes similar to the Renaissance, but much more dynamic in movement, color and drama.

<b>Neoclassicism (1770 - 1830)</b> Associated with large-scale artwork, with strong compositions, displaying — ancient Greek and Roman standards.	<ul> <li>Romanticism (1770 - 1850)</li> <li>Associated with strong emotion, an</li> <li>emphasis on the imagination, and going against the social standards.</li> </ul>
Realism (1855 - 1900) Associated with depictions of real life — and everyday people.	Impressionism (1860 - 1880) — Associated with artwork that depicted light's effects on it's subjects, using
<b>Post- Impressionism (1885 - 1905)</b> Associated with thick application of paint, — distinct brush strokes, and real life subjects.	pure color, and apparent brushstrokes. Fauvism (1900 - 1907) — Associated with artwork that used intense color and pattern, but simple subjects.
Expressionism (1905 - 1933) Associated with artwork that expresses feelings and emotions through the brush- strokes and color.	Cubism (1907 - 1922) Associated with straying further away — from realistic depictions. Depicted
<b>Futurism (1909 - 1930)</b> Associated with artwork depicting the <u>advancement of machinery and technology</u> .	distorted perspectives, and fractured the subject into geometric shapes. Dadaism (1915 - 1924) — Associated with the first conceptual art,
Surrealism (1920s - 1930s) Associated with artwork depicting dream-like imagery.	using found objects. Abstract Expressionism (1940s - 1950s) Associated with experimental painting, exploring freedom of technique, like in
Pop Art (1950s - 1960s) Associated with highly decorated, light- — hearted subject matter.	action painting, and color field painting. Op Art (1960s and beyond)
Postmodernism (1960s and beyond) Associated with contradicting trends of modernism by encompassing high and low	<ul> <li>Associated with an abstract depiction of illusion through movement, pattern, and hidden images.</li> </ul>
art forms. A break from artistic tradition.	Contemporary (1980s and beyond) Associated with a wide range of media, techniques, and subjects. Constantly challenges our definition of art.

#### Standards and Benchmarks:

#### Grade: K

- VA.K.C.1.1 Create and share personal works of art with others.
- VA.K.C.2.1 Describe personal choices made in the creation of artwork.
- VA.K.C.2.2 Identify media used by self or peers.
- VA.K.S.1.1 Explore art processes and media to produce artworks.
- VA.K.S.1.2 Produce artwork influenced by personal decisions and ideas.
- VA.K.S.2.1 Develop artistic skills through the repeated use of tools, processes, and media. e.g., mediaspecific techniques, eye-hand coordination, fine-motor skills.
- VA.K.S.3.1 Develop skills and techniques to create with two- and/or three- dimensional media.
- VA.K.S.3.2 Practice skills to develop craftsmanship.
- VA.K.S.3.3 Handle art tools and media safely in the art room.
- VA.K.S.3.4 Identify artwork that belongs to others and represents their ideas.
- VA.K.O.1.1 Explore the placement of the structural elements of art in personal works of art.
- VA.K.O.2.1 Generate ideas and images for artworks based on memory, imagination, and experiences.
- VA.K.O.3.1 Create works of art to document experiences of self and community.
- VA.K.H.1.1 Describe art from selected cultures and places.
- VA.K.H.1.2 Follow directions for suitable behavior in an art audience.
- VA.K.H.1.3 Explain how art-making can help people express ideas and feelings.
- VA.K.H.2.1 Compare selected artworks from various cultures to find differences and similarities.
- VA.K.H.2.2 Explore everyday objects that have been designed and created by artists.
- VA.K.H.2.3 Describe where artwork is displayed in school or other places.
- VA.K.H.3.1 Express ideas related to non-art content areas through personal artworks.
- VA.K.F.1.1 Experiment with art media for personal satisfaction and perceptual awareness.
- VA.K.F.1.2 Identify real and imaginary subject matter in works of art.

#### Grade: 1

- VA.1.C.1.1 Create and discuss works of art that convey personal interests.
- VA.1.C.1.2 Gather clues to help interpret and reflect on works of art.
- VA.1.C.2.1 Describe visual imagery used to complete artwork.
- VA.1.C.2.2 Use various media techniques to learn how changes affect the completed artwork.
- VA.1.C.3.3 Identify vocabulary that is used in both visual art and other contexts.
- VA.1.C.3.2 Distinguish between artwork, utilitarian objects, and objects from nature.
- VA.1.S.1 The arts are inherently experiential and actively engage learners in the processes of creating, interpreting, and responding to art.
- VA.1.S.2 Development of skills, techniques, and processes in the arts strengthens our ability to remember, focus on, process, and sequence information.
- VA.1.S.3 Through purposeful practice, artist learn to manage, master, and refine simple, then complex, skills and techniques.
- VA.1.O Understanding the organizational structure of an artform provides a foundation for appreciation of artistic works and respect for the creative process.
- VA.1.O.2 The structural rules and conventions of an art form serve as both a foundation and departure point for creativity.
- Va.1.0.3 Every art form uses its own unique language, verbal and non-verbal, to document and communicate with the world.
- VA.1.H.1 Through study in the arts, we learn about and honor others and the worlds in which they live.
- VA.1.H.2 The arts reflect and document cultural trends and historical events, and help explain how new directions in the arts have emerged.
- VA.1.H.3 Connections among the arts and other disciplines strengthen learning and the ability to transfer knowledge and skills to and from other fields.
- VA.1.F.1 Creating, interpreting, and responding in the arts stimulate the imagination and encourage innovation and creative risk-taking.

#### Grade 2

- VA.2.C.1.1 Use the art-making process to communicate personal interests and self-expression.
- VA.2.C.1.2 Reflect on and discuss various possible meanings in works of art.
- VA.2.C.2.1 Use appropriate decision-making skills to meet intended artistic objectives.
- VA.2.C.2.2 Identify skillful techniques used in works by peers and others
- VA.2.C.2.3 Use suggestions from others to modify the structural elements of art.
- VA.2.C.3.1 Use accurate art vocabulary to identify connections among visual art and other contexts.
- VA.2.C.3.2 Compare artworks with utilitarian objects and use accurate art vocabulary to describe how they are the same and how they are different.
- VA.2.S.1 The arts are inherently experiential and actively engage learners in the processes of creating, interpreting, and responding to art.
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#### Grade: 3

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- VA.3.C.2 Assessing our own and others' artistic work, using critical-thinking, problem-solving, and decision-making skills, is ventral to artistic growth.
- VA.3.C.3 The process of critiquing works of art lead to development of critical-thinking skills transferable to other contexts.
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VA.4.S.1: The arts are inherently experiential and actively engage learners in the processes of creative, interpreting, and responding to art.

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VA.4.F.1 Creating, interpreting, and responding in the arts stimulate the imagination and encourage innovation and creative risk-taking.

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VA.5.C.3 The processes of critiquing works of art lead to development of critical-thinking skills transferable to other contexts.

VA.5.S.1 The arts are inherently experiential and actively engage learners in the processes of creating, interpreting, and responding to art.

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# **PRE-VISIT ACTIVITIES**

Before your visit to NSU Art Museum, we recommend that you and your students discuss some of the ideas and themes in the exhibition. It is beneficial to introduce your students to a number of works from the exhibition. (You can find examples of the work below and on page 22)

#### OBJECTIVES

- Introduce students to Jaime Grant, Matthew Carone, Elizabeth Thompson and their works.
- Discuss themes related to the exhibition.
- Elements of Art and Principles of Design

What is Process in art?

Ask your students, what is Process in art? During this activity, ask your students to discuss what constituted their idea of an artist's process in art. Help them consider what is encompassed in an artist's process in art, how we interact with process, and why an artist would focus on process.

- a. Compare and contrast the artwork below. Think about the idea of process in each artwork. Both have captured their landscapes in different ways.
- b. Discuss their similarities and differences.





Jaime Grant, *J. Grant APR*, 2023, Mixed media, Courtesy of the artist

Elizabeth Thompson, *Climate Crucifixion*, 2019, Acrylic on unprimed canvas, Thompson Family Collection

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# **Representational, Abstract, and Non-Representational Art**

### Make it Abstract!

This piece is titled *Light of a Dancing Dream*, it is an artwork that depicts abstract figures dancing. Create your own scene showing movement or something in motion. Use the elements of art and principles of design. As a class, discuss your artworks, your processes, materials, and concepts.



Matthew Carone, *Light of a Dancing Dream*, 2002, Acrylic on canvas, Courtesy of Mathew Carone.

# Use the three artworks below as examples of representational, abstract, and non-representational artwork.

Representational	Three people on edge of pond, n.d, Photograph.	Looks recognizable similar to something in the real world.
Abstract	With the second secon	Increasingly moves away from the naturalistic image although it is still somewhat identifiable.
Non- Representational	Piet Mondrian, Tableau I, 1921, oil on canvas, Kunstmuseum Den Haag Collection	The origins of the composition and image are not in the real world or are unrecognizable.

Questions for discussion:

- 1. What is a better style of art: representational, abstract, or non-representational? Why?
- 2. Can you find any similarities between the representational piece and the other two paintings?
- 3. Which elements of art and principles of design are incorporated in each piece? Do the artworks share any of them?

# The Elements of Art and the Principles of Design

The **Elements of Art** are the basic parts used by Artists in creating art; they are what you use to create an aesthetically pleasing work. When we make Art, we need to understand and apply these seven Elements of Art.



Line A mark made by a pointed tool such as a brush, pen or stick, a moving point. Different tools make different kinds of lines.



**Shape** A flat, enclosed area that has two dimensions, length, and width. Artist use both geometric and organic shapes. Shapes come in many types and sizes.



**Color** Is one of the most dominant elements. It is created by light. There are three properties of light. Hue, Value, and Saturation. Colors can be bright, dull, dark, and light.



Value Degrees of lightness or darkness. The difference between values is called value contrast.



**Form** Objects that are three-dimensional having length, width, and height. They can be viewed from many sides. Forms take up space and volume.



**Texture** Describes the feel of an actual surface. The surface quality of an object; can be real or implied. Texture can be smooth or rough, hard, or soft, etc.



**Space** Is used to create the illusion of depth. Space can be two-dimensional three-dimensional, negative and or positive.

The **Principles of Design** describe the ways that artists use different strategies for creating a work of art.



**Balance** is the distribution of the visual weight of objects, colors, texture, and space.



**Contrast** is the difference between elements in a work of art, like color, line, shape, and texture.



**Emphasis** is the part of the design that catches the viewer's attention



**Movement** is the path the viewer's eye takes through the work of art, often to focal areas.



**Pattern** is the repetition of an element in a work of art. The pattern can use color, line, shape, or the other elements of art.



**Scale** refers to the size an object in relationship to another object. It is the feeling of unity created when all parts relate well with each other. When drawing the human figure, scale can refer to the size of the head compared to the rest of the body.



Harmony is when the elements of an artwork come together in a unified way.

# Leaf Rubbing Landscape

Create a landscape using leaf rubbings.



Sample leaf rubbings.

#### Follow the steps to create a landscape inspired by Elizabeth Thompson.

Discuss some or all of the following topics as a class:

• What is abstract art? (Art that uses shape, line and color to create a piece that

represents a thing or artist's message without using a visual reference)

• What is the difference between regular and irregular pattern? (Regular pattern is when the element repeated is predictable, and exact. An irregular pattern is when the element repeated in unpredictable and imperfect.).

• Have students give examples of regular and irregular patterns around the room or classify a given set of shapes.



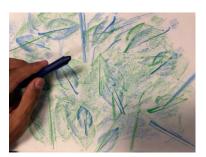
Gather some leaves from outside and arrange them on top of a scrap sheet of paper.



Place a different sheet of paper on top of the arranged leaves. Take your crayon and shade overtop the paper using the side of your crayon.



Rearrange the leaves and place your paper on top of your paper again.



Shade overtop the paper using a different colored crayon. Continue this process using more colors or finish your Leaf Rubbing Landscape in this final step.

# **Selected Works**

Compare and contrast these two artworks by Matthew Carone.



Matthew Carone, *Morphology Discipline*, 2020, Acrylic on canvas Courtesy of Mathew Carone



Matthew Carone, A Question of Pedigree, 2018, Acrylic on canvas Courtesy of Mathew Carone

#### Take a closer look! What do you see?

- Is this artwork, representational, abstract, or non-representational?
- What elements of art can you see being used?
- How are those elements being used?
- What principles of design can you see being used?
- How are those principles being used?

How are the artworks similar? How are they different? Refer to the elements of art, and the principles of design. Compare and contrast these two artworks by Elizabeth Thompson.





Elizabeth Thompson, *Peaceable Kingdom*, 2014, Oil on canvas, Thompson Family Collection

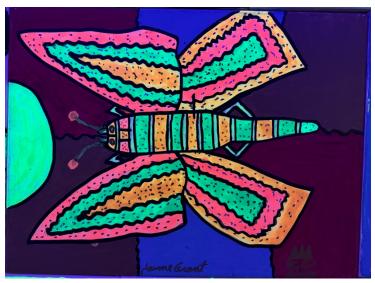
Elizabeth Thompson, *Purple Chairs,* 2014, Oil on canvas, Thompson Family Collection

#### Take a closer look! What do you see?

- Is this artwork, representational, abstract, or non-representational?
- What elements of art can you see being used?
- How are those elements being used?
- What principles of design can you see being used?
- How are those principles being used?

How are the artworks similar? How are they different? Refer to the elements of art, and the principles of design. Compare and contrast these two artworks by Jaime Grant.





Jaime Grant, *Love*, 2018, Mixed media, Courtesy of the artist

Jaime Grant, *Butterfly,* 2016, Acrylic on canvas, Courtesy of the artist

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Matthew Carone, *Light of a Dancing Dream*, 2002, Acrylic on canvas, Courtesy of Mathew Carone

Matthew Carone, *Morphology Discipline*, 2020, Acrylic on canvas, Courtesy of Mathew Carone

Matthew Carone, *A Question of Pedigree*, 2018, Acrylic on canvas, Courtesy of Mathew Carone

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#### Representational, Abstract, and Non-Representational Art

*Three people on edge of pond*, n.d, Photograph.

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Piet Mondrian, *Tableau I*, 1921, oil on canvas, Kunstmuseum Den Haag Collection

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