

Art Vocabulary

Word	Definition:
Landscape	Art that depicts nature.
Portrait	Art that depicts a person.
Horizon Line	Where the earth or water meets the sky in a landscape.
Self Portrait	Art that depicts the artist making it.
Collage	A french word, meaning “to paste”. This is when you paste things together to create a piece of art.
Elements of Art & Principles of Design	The “tools” artists use to make choices in creating and designing art. Examples are: shape, color, texture, line, etc. See chart provided.
Analogous Color	Colors ‘next to’ each other on the color wheel. They blend well.
Complimentary Color	Colors ‘across from’ each other on the color wheel. They make browns.
Primary Color	Red, Yellow & Blue. These colors make other colors.
Secondary Color	Orange, Green & Purple. These are made by mixing primary colors.
Tertiary Color	Yellow-orange, yellow-green, blue-green, etc. These are made by mixing primary and secondary colors together.
Cool Colors	Blues, greens, purples. These colors recede to the background.
Warm Colors	Reds, oranges, yellows. These colors rise to the front.
Neutral Colors	Browns, whites, blacks, greys, tan/beige, etc.
Tints	Adding different levels of white to color to lighten.
Shades	Adding different levels of black to color to darken.
Saturation/Desaturation	How much pigment is in the color (example, less water = more pigment)
Staccato Line	Short dashed lines

Art Vocabulary Continued

Word	Definition
Positive Space	The object/subject of an artwork.
Negative Space	The background area of an artwork.
Silhouette	A dark/shaded outline or object, often filled with black or cut out.
Cityscape	Art that depicts a city.
Resist	Using a material (like glue, wax, or resin) to prevent/push away color