

Curriculum Unit Title

Ekphrastic Poetry in Kindergarten: Oh My! Exploring and Responding to Art through Speech Bubbles, Rebus, Free Verse and More!

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KEY LEARNING, ENDURING UNDERSTANDING, ETC.

Students will develop an understanding of poetry and ekphrasis. They will begin by responding to works of art with illustrations. Students will engage with a variety of art forms. They will try a variety of poetic responses to various art forms. Students will share their response and discuss with small or large groups of students. As a culminating project, students will select a piece of art they value and will use one of the

ESSENTIAL QUESTION(S) for the UNIT

What is poetry?
What are my senses?
How can I express myself and my sensory responses about art forms?

CONCEPT A

CONCEPT B

CONCEPT C

Poetry is an art form through which an individual can express their self.

The five senses are seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling and tasting.

A variety of poetic forms can be used to express one's sensory responses to an art form.

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Poetry, poem, poet, ekphrasis,

Senses, sensory responses, seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling, tasting

Ekphrastic poetry, nursery rhyme, concrete poems, free verse, rebus, speech bubble, alliteration, rhyme, imagery, contrast, line, onomatopoeia, refrain, repetition,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/MATERIAL/TEXT/FILM/RESOURCES

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