

Theme: Latin American Art

Grade Level: K - 5th

Objectives: Students will be able to identify different styles and cultural aspects of Latin American art.

Goals: Students will compare different art styles among Latin American Countries.

Essential Questions:

1. What styles of art are popular in Latin America?
2. How is art different throughout the Latin American Countries?
3. How is art similar among Latin American Countries?

Lesson: Art styles in Latin America.

- Using the contents of the suitcase, students should observe different art works from each country and draw conclusions about:
 1. Different art styles that are used in each country.
 2. What is being expressed in the art from individual countries.
 3. How the artwork might represent life in the selected country.
 4. How art throughout Latin America compares between countries, and art in the United States.
- 1) Students will break into four groups, representing Honduras, Ecuador, Colombia, and Mexico. Each group will receive the following art works from their designated country, and will create a list of the observed styles and similarities between the works.
- Honduras
 - 1 Painting of a house on wood
 - 1 Man on straw donkey
 - 1 hand woven bird
 - 2 hand carved and painted wooden fish
 - 1 painted shell
 - 1 mini ceramic chicken
 - 1 hand carved mahogany notepad
 - 3 painted crosses
 - Fragile Honduran handicrafts
 - Ecuador

- Quetzal ornament
- 3 Afro-Ecuadorian masks
- 10 Guarasmin art postcards
- 6 Art postcards
- 1 Book: La Riqueza Artesanal De Quito
- 1 Poster: El Violinista
- 18 Art postcards
- Colombia
 - 1 Leather purse
 - 2 Beaded necklaces
 - 1 Straw Basket
 - 1 Black soap wrapped in Banana leaf
 - 3 Chivas
 - Chontaduro
 - Mask
- Mexico
 - 1 Round straw container
 - 2 Necklaces made of colored pasta
 - 2 Small boxes of worry dolls
 - 2 Friendship Bracelets
 - 3 Chess pieces in Maya design
 - 3 Embroidered handkerchiefs from Yucatan
 - 1 Chacmool figure
 - 1 Mascara
 - 4 Miniature fish
 - 1 Straw coin purse

2) One student from each group will share the common styles and themes observed in their country's art work with the class. The class will then find all of the similarities between the four represented countries, and have a discussion about how this compares to art from around the world.

Activity: Students will create their own work of Latin American art, using the styles and subject matter of the represented art works. Students are encouraged to include culture in their project.