The Arts have an important role in 4-H youth development teaching both soft and hard skills through projects and programming. The arts are defined as the expression or application of human creativity or imagination through a variety of media and form such as music, painting, dance, etc. Youth exposed to art, in any form, develop key cognitive skills related to reading, math, critical thinking, and communication. During this session, participants will have the opportunity to engage in activities which teach how to identify and apply the art elements and principals of design being expressed through art forms such as music, painting, dance, photography, apparel, furnishings, architecture, etc.

Click Clover to show the Introduction to Public Art – Video (2:49 minutes) https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=19&v=MNO14EzuPM4

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“Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time, but they have the heart.”
**Excellent Resources for Arts Education.**

- **Metropolitan Museum of Art (Us)**
  [https://www.metmuseum.org/learn/educators/lesson-plans](https://www.metmuseum.org/learn/educators/lesson-plans) Check out Educator Lessons & Kids and Family #met kids

- **Exploratorium**
  [https://www.exploratorium.edu/explore](https://www.exploratorium.edu/explore)

- **Teacher.org** [https://www.teacher.org/lesson-plans/](https://www.teacher.org/lesson-plans/)
  Arts (29 lessons) by grade [https://www.teacher.org/resource/](https://www.teacher.org/resource/)

- **Association for Public Art**
  [https://www.associationforpublicart.org/resources/public-art-lesson-plans/](https://www.associationforpublicart.org/resources/public-art-lesson-plans/)

- **teAchnology**

- **Study.com** (can create an account)

- **Crayola.com**
  [https://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/](https://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/)

- **Expressive Art Inspirations**
  [https://intuitivecreativity.typepad.com/expressiveartinspirations/100-art-therapy-exercises.html](https://intuitivecreativity.typepad.com/expressiveartinspirations/100-art-therapy-exercises.html)