



## Arts Resources from PBS

### Elementary

#### Arthur

<http://pbskids.org/arthur/parentsteachers/activities/art.html>

The Arthur companion Website has instructions for many arts and crafts activities for kids ages 3 to 7. Children can learn to paint like Jackson Pollock in "Active Art," experiment with shapes and symmetry in "Making Shape," and create a "Self Portrait."

#### Jazz Kids

<http://pbskids.org/jazz/>

This fun companion Web site for Ken Burns' Jazz features several online activities to introduce young students to history, musical techniques, and legendary musicians of jazz. Students can lead a jazz band, explore a jazz timeline, or take quizzes on their knowledge of jazz.

### Secondary

#### American Masters

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters>

This ongoing series of award-winning primetime specials examines the lives, works, and creative processes of America's most outstanding cultural artists. Featured individuals include visual and performing artists, musicians, writers, and film and television directors and personalities. The Web site offers background essays, careers timelines, interactives and lesson plans.

#### American Photography: A Century of Images

<http://www.pbs.org/ktca/americanphotography/>

This 3-hour, 3-part film captures the images of a century of change and the role the camera has played both in creating and documenting it. The companion Web site offers extensive background information on the history, art and cultural role of photography, an interactive image lab, which allows students to experiment with cropping and digital manipulation and attend a virtual photo shoot, and a teacher's guide with 5 lesson plans.

#### Art in the 21 Century

<http://www.pbs.org/art21/index.html>

Art:21 is the only series on television to focus exclusively on contemporary visual art and artists in the United States. Fascinating and intimate footage allows viewers to observe the artists at work, watch their process as they transform inspiration into art, and hear their thoughts as they grapple with the physical and visual challenges of achieving their artistic visions. The Web site provides an extensive lesson plan collection, a space where teachers can post original lesson plans and student work, and an arts glossary.

#### Broadway: the American Musical

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/broadway/>

This six-part documentary series chronicles the Broadway musical throughout the 20th century and explores the evolution of this uniquely American art form. The Web site offers 3 lesson plans, an interactive Broadway trivia game, and extensive background information.

### **Craft in America**

<http://www.pbs.org/craftinamerica/>

This 3-part series, organized around the themes of community, landscape and memory, explores the vitality, history and significance of the craft movement in the United States and its impact on the nation's rich cultural heritage. The Web site offers streaming video, background information on artists featured in the series and 3 teacher's guides, each of which contains 3 lesson plans.

### **Great Performances**

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/gperf/index.html>

Great Performances, television's longest-running performing arts anthology, continues to broadcast the best in music, dance, theater and cinema. The Web site offers interviews with artists, producers and directors, a multimedia archive of interactive features, and a wide array of lesson plans.

### **How Art Made the World**

<http://www.pbs.org/howartmadetheworld/>

This five-part series explores the essential functions art served in early civilizations and, in some cases, still serves in modern society. The Web site contains interviews with Dr. Nigel Spivey, the series host, an image gallery, a storytelling interactive, and five lesson plans.

### **Jazz**

<http://www.pbs.org/jazz/>

This 10-part series from Ken Burns chronicles the history of "America's greatest cultural achievement." The Web site offers audio clips, biographies and discographies for artists featured in the series, a jazz timeline, an interactive map and instruments, Music 101 readings, and 15 lesson plans for Language Arts, Math, Music and Social Studies classes.

### **Masterpiece Theater**

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/>

For more than 30 years Masterpiece Theatre has enthralled audiences with the works of the finest classic and contemporary writers interpreted by the world's foremost actors. The Web site offers interactive timelines, program-specific teacher's guides and a guide to using film in the classroom.

### **Simon Schama's Power of Art**

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/powerofart/index.php>

This 8-part series uses a mix of dramatic re-enactments, atmospheric location shooting and spectacular art photography to tell the dramatic stories behind eight cutting-edge masterpieces by Van Gogh, Picasso, Caravaggio, Bernini, Rembrandt, Turner, David and Rothko. The Web site offers background information, two classroom interactives, and 6 lesson plans designed for use in AP Art History courses.

Visit [www.pbs.org/teachers](http://www.pbs.org/teachers) for many more on-air and online Arts resources!