

# MIDDLE SCHOOL ART HISTORY

GRADES 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Elective Course

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The objective of this class is to expose middle school children to several different mediums of art, educate them on art throughout history the first semester, and second semester touch on individual artists and concepts. For example, students will make an owl made of beans while exploring mosaics in architecture of the Renaissance period. While studying the Baroque period, they will do a self-portrait using acrylics. Students will have a drawing lesson on cathedrals and make a beautiful stained glass window using cd's while learning about the Gothic period. These are just a few examples of the exciting things we will create while giving students the confidence they need to use their creative talents. We will always look at art through a Christian worldview and learn to see His creativity in talented artists and ourselves.

## CLASSWORK:

Students will observe many pieces of art and architecture from each time period and listen to amazing stories about the artists and their experiences. Each class will consist of a hands-on art project using different materials and mediums. There will not be any homework in this class. Grades will be based off of class participation and a final project.

## SUPPLIES/CLASS FEE:

I will provide all the supplies students will need for their art projects. A fee of \$50 first semester will be added to cover this cost. Second semester I will assess the supplies and adjust the fee as needed. It will not be higher than \$50 second semester; if anything, I am hoping for it to be less.

## CLASS ENROLLMENT:

Minimum of 6, maximum of 12.

## ABOUT ME:

I am a homeschool mom of two kids who are soon to be a junior and senior in high school. I have been homeschooling them both since kindergarten. My degree is in Elementary Education from Southern Nazarene University. I have taught or co-taught several different subjects in co-ops we have been involved in over the years. Mainly being art, writing, and speech. Being able to relate to kids who are not as confident with their skills in art is what I love about teaching this subject! God has given all of us some sort of creativity because He is the ultimate creator. We can learn from our history and the art that has been left from the past. My hope for this class is to bring a little of that passion to our kids and hopefully they will leave with more knowledge than when they started the year.