

# Essential ELEMENTARY ART VOCABULARY WORDS

## ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES

**Line** Thick/Thin • Wavy • Zigzag • Horizontal • Vertical • Diagonal • Contour

**Color** Primary • Secondary • Neutral • Intermediate • Warm • Cool • Complementary • Monochromatic

**Shape and Form** 2D • Geometric • Organic • 3D • Cube/Sphere/Pyramid/Cone (etc.) • Silhouette

**Texture** Real • Implied

**Space** Positive • Negative • Overlap • Perspective

**Value** Shading • Highlight • Shadow • Tint • Shade

**Balance** Symmetrical • Asymmetrical • Radial

**Pattern** Repetition

## SUBJECT MATTER

**Landscape** Background • Foreground • Middleground • Horizon Line • Vanishing Point • Cityscape • Seascape

**Portrait** Self-Portrait • Profile

**Still Life**

## MEDIA/MEDIUM

**Drawing** Outline • Sketch • Stippling • Hatching • Cross-Hatching

**Painting** Watercolor • Wash • Resist

**Printmaking** Stamping • Relief

**Sculpture** Mobile • Free-Standing

**Ceramics** Clay • Pinch • Roll • Coil • Slab • Slip/Score • Kiln • Fire • Bisque • Glaze

**Weaving** Loom • Warp • Weft

**Collage and Assemblage**

**Architecture**

**Photography**

## DESCRIBING ART

Realistic • Abstract

Detail • Sharp • Blurred

Decorative • Functional