



Common Core State Standards Alignment

The new *Common Core State Standards* offer a far-reaching and exciting way to combine the arts in pedagogical practice. They have been designed to shift our educational priorities away from rote memorization to emphasize creativity, cross-disciplinary learning and analytical thinking. Arts education is one of the most engaging and impactful ways to build 21st century learning skills: communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.

Using the [Art in Action curriculum integration ideas](#) provided in each lesson, teachers align with the College and Career Readiness Standards and Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

Reading: In the CCSS "text" includes other sources of information including art. All of the Art in Action lessons ask students to read the "text" (art). This process takes place in our discussions where students study works of art, interpret meaning, consider points of view and analyze elements.

Writing: In the Art in Action lessons we provide resources for students to write (create) written works to support their artwork using expository writing, descriptive writing, persuasive writing, or narrative writing.

Speaking and Listening: Every Art in Action lesson has a speaking and listening component aligning with the CCSS. Students participate in one-on-one, small group, and whole-class discussions. They collaborate, build understanding, listen to other points of view, support their opinions and solve problems.

Language: Each Art in Action lesson exposes students to new vocabulary. Students demonstrate their understanding by discussion and direct instruction. The vocabulary is extended across multiple projects.

The future belongs to creative thinkers, and implementing **Art in Action** with the *Common Core State Standards* is an opportunity for teachers and parents to create meaningful learning experiences for their children that will prepare them for the 21st century.

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