

## Curriculum Framework for Arts-integration

There are many ways to connect looking at, studying, and making art into your curricula. This framework offers three different approaches:

1. **Essential Skills** – Artworks stimulate basic skills such as writing, figuring ratios and percentages, and reasoning (supporting a hypothesis with evidence). See Essential Skills list that follows.
2. **Information Linkages** – Artworks representing a particular culture or time period reinforce knowledge about that culture or time period.
3. **Thematic Connections** – Artworks represent cross-curricula themes such as “Transformation” or “Our relationship with nature,” and can be great ways to start inquiry or assess learning. See Thematic Connections page that follows.

The **Curricular Connections chart** (after the Thematic Connections page) shows which lessons fall into one of the three categories above, and which lessons relate to ELA, math, science, or social studies. For those lessons that fall under the Information Linkages category, the specific content is listed, such as pre-Civil War history, Landforms, and Mixtures and Solutions.