

Respecting Art & Culture

English, Exploring & Responding

Year 7 & 8

Content Description

Investigate the diversity of First Nations Australians' artworks and arts practices, considering culturally responsive approaches to Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property rights. ([AC9AVA8E02](#))

VR Learning Activities

Listening and Understanding: Students listen to a presentation explaining the diversity of First Nations Australian art and its cultural significance. They learn about the unique styles and techniques used across Indigenous Nations, such as dot painting, cross-hatching, and rock engravings. Students gain an understanding of how these art forms are connected to storytelling, history-keeping, and cultural expression. The importance of respecting Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property rights is emphasized, highlighting the need for ethical approaches when engaging with these artworks.

Interactive Exploration: Students engage in a hands-on activity where they explore dot painting in a virtual environment. They learn the basic techniques of creating a dot painting while understanding the cultural significance behind each element. Students are guided to create their own designs inspired by nature, personal experiences, or patterns found in the world around them. The focus is on creating meaningful designs using dots, patterns, and colors without appropriating sacred Indigenous symbols or Dreaming stories.

Questioning and Critical Thinking: Students reflect on questions related to the cultural significance and ethical considerations of engaging with First Nations Australian art, focusing on respecting Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property rights, understanding the meaning behind art forms, and considering how to create respectful, inspired artworks. These reflections encourage students to think critically about their role as creators and consumers of art.

Key Learning Areas

Understanding Indigenous Art Forms: Exploring the diversity of First Nations Australian artworks, such as dot painting, cross-hatching, and rock engravings, and their cultural significance.

Cultural Respect and Sensitivity: Recognizing and respecting Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property rights, ensuring students understand the importance of not copying or misusing sacred symbols or stories.

Creative Expression: Using dot painting techniques to create meaningful and respectful artwork while learning about Indigenous art practices.

Ethical and Responsible Artmaking: Focusing on the ethical creation of artwork that respects Indigenous traditions, avoiding appropriation while developing personal, culturally aware artistic expression.

Reflective Thinking: Encouraging students to critically reflect on the impact of Indigenous art, its cultural meanings, and their role in preserving and respecting these art forms.

