

Paint Your Way through Art History

with Courtney Sanford



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HighSchool History or Fine Arts Credit

School year 2020-2021 (Following the STP calendar)

Thursday 2:00 to 3:30

In typical art history classes, students write papers about art...but wouldn't it make more sense to paint about art?!? Finally, in this class, you can!

Students will learn all about an artist or art period and then paint a composition inspired by the work in class. We will begin with cave paintings, and go through Middleages art, Renaissance, Impressionism, Expressionism, Cubism, and all the way through modern abstraction.

Students may choose one item to paint in each style (like a cat or a rubber ducky) or they may just let the art speak to them and create a painting that is inspired by what they learned about.

I'll show lots of slides and discuss the style, philosophy, worldview and world events related to each period. As students walk through Western Cultural History in this interactive way, they'll gain a greater understanding of our own culture.

If home schooled students would like to make this a Western Cultural History credit, I'll assign readings and some research to do at home and bring to class.

If you have taken Western Cultural History through Classical Conversations, this would be an excellent opportunity to expand on the foundation that you already have, and explore more modern art movements beyond Impressionism.

Students will explore many art techniques and mediums and hone their painting and drawing skills.

*Instructor Courtney Sanford is a graduate of the College of Design at NCSU. She has been teaching Western Cultural History to homeschoolers for many years and is the author of *Marvelous to Behold* a classical study of art history and several books on art, classical education and drawing. She is a freelance graphic designer and teaches art at Spiritual Twist Productions. She believes every artist is unique and wonderful and helps them explore art.*