

Unit Lesson Plan: Georgia O'Keefe

Grade Level: 9th - 12th Grade

Overview Statement:

The curriculum goal of the unit is learning about Georgia O'Keefe, her life, artwork, and influence on the art world, as well as understanding the visual thinking strategies (VYS). Focus will be not only on creating visual art inspired by Georgia O'Keefe, but being able to critique and analyze all visual art and create a written analysis. This unit would work well with an art history/humanities course or even a basic English/writing class because of the art history that will be learned and the written work that will be done throughout the unit.

The New York State Standards that will be used in the unit are as follows:

1. Students will create a drawing replica of O'Keefe's work as well as a painting inspired by O'Keefe's work.
2. Students will learn to use and manipulate a variety of traditional art mediums.
3. Students will be able to analyze and critique their work, their peers' work as well as O'Keefe's work using VTS, and learn vocabulary terms.
4. Students will gain a knowledge in critiquing and analyzing art, as well as gain a better understanding of Georgia O'Keefe's life and artwork.

Student Needs:

The New York State Board of Regents states:

Each student will acquire knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the artistic, cultural, and intellectual accomplishment of civilization and develop skills to express personal artistic talents. Areas include:

1. Ways to develop knowledge and appreciation of the arts.
2. Aesthetic judgments and the ability to apply them to works of art.
3. Ability to produce or perform in at least one major art form.

4. Understand the diversity of cultural heritages, materials, media and history of major art forms.
5. Ability to use cultural resources such as museums, libraries, theater, historic sites, and performing arts groups.

Acknowledging this, I created this Georgia O'Keefe unit plan to satisfy the NYS Board of Regents requirements, as well as enrich and broaden the students' cultural horizons.