

DECO DREAM CITY

6-8 Online Arts Activity Lesson Plan

Purpose

- Have students apply their new knowledge of Art Deco design in their own creative works
- Encourage students to view Art Deco ornamentation and be able to discern the individual elements

Implementation Notes

Now that students have a good understanding of Art Deco design, the goal of this lesson is to encourage students to apply these visual elements to their own creative processes.

Group Share Out

Begin your group discussion by asking students to describe their favorite Art Deco design elements and why they like that element so much. List their answers in a place where students can see them and then lead to a discussion stating that these decorative embellishments could easily be combined in various ways to create unique buildings of their own.

Our Deco Dream City

This activity allows students to design or decorate their own Art Deco building as they think about Art Deco ornamentation in a new way.

Students should be encouraged to access the *Deco Dream City* activity webpage to watch instructional videos on suggested materials and different artistic methods they can use to create their own Art Deco buildings that will make up your class's *Deco Dream City*.

Students can use the building templates that can be downloaded from the activity webpage. Or you can give students the option to use a template or design their own Art Deco building, which is especially beneficial for those in drawing or drafting classes.

Group Share Out

When completed, student work should be shared with the class and sent to the teacher electronically. While sharing their individual buildings, have students discuss the Art Deco design elements that they most inspired them as they created their own design.

Using the electronically shared files, teacher combines all of the buildings into the class *Deco Dream City*. Share the *Deco Dream City* with the class and have each student share 2 or 3 things that they like about their classmates designs.



In the Virtual Classroom

Group Share Out

Instructor provides information when necessary to facilitate student understanding.

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Building on the ornamentation that students discussed in the Group Share Out exercise and the example videos, students use these design motifs to create/design/embellish their own Art Deco building depending on their age and skill sets.

Once students are finished, teachers compile student work to create the class *Deco Dream City*.

Group Share Out

Students talk about how their designs utilize Art Deco features.

Materials

Available at

ArtDeco.org/Documenting-Deco-Online-6-8

- Six Art Deco Building Templates
- Suggestions of arts and crafts materials
- Inspiration video
- Recap of features that make a New York Building Art Deco
- Four example videos showing artistic methods that students can use to create their own Art Deco Buildings
- Video showing how teacher can combine the student work into the class Deco Dream City

Video Recording Link for Implementation:

ArtDeco.org/Documenting-Deco-6-8-DreamCity