

Cycle 2, Week 6 – Mona Lisa Grid Drawing, age 7-9

Learning target: Use and understand the grid drawing technique, use OILs to duplicate an image

Element of art: line

Materials: 8.5x11 white paper with grid lines, printouts of Mona Lisa drawing, pencils, colored pencils, whiteboard

1. Using the whiteboard, explain and show the process of copying a section of the picture from the grid to your own paper. Explain that the students will need to study the lines and draw a section at a time. (5 minutes)
2. Pass out a drawing of Mona Lisa and a blank gridded paper to each student.
3. Students use pencils to draw the lines and shapes. Go around and help students as needed. Walk them through fixing areas that need improvement.

NOTE: It may be easier for some students if they see one area of the drawing at a time. If it helps, have the student fold the picture of Mona Lisa so that they can only see the section they are currently drawing.

4. Show a picture of the Mona Lisa using a computer or book. Explain that it is a famous painting from the Renaissance, painted by Da Vinci.
5. What kind of expression does Mona Lisa have? This question has created a lot of controversy in the art world! Have students complete Mona Lisa's face with whatever expression they want. Let them have fun with it 😊
6. If time allows, students can begin coloring their drawing.



