

# Kwanzaa Art

Students will discuss the 7 principals of Kwanzaa and then draw pictures of an example of each.

 **Grade Level: 3 - 7th**

 **Subject: Arts**

 **Length of Time: 30-40 Minutes**

## Objectives & Outcomes

Students will analyze the principals associated with Kwanzaa. Students will demonstrate understanding of the principals of Kwanzaa through art.

## Materials Needed

- Kwanzaa worksheet (attached)
- Kwanzaa Principles explanation (attached)
- Coloring supplies

## Procedure

### Opening to Lesson

- Teacher asks students what they know about Kwanzaa.
- After student discussion, read this summary.
- Kwanzaa is a cultural celebration in the United States that celebrates aspects from Culture across Africa. During the celebration, families light candles each night for 7 nights and discuss the principals of Kwanzaa.

### Body of Lesson

#### Modeling

- Put a copy of the principles of Kwanzaa on the overhead.
- Read the first principle, Unity, and the definition.
- As a class discuss what it means to strive for unity in the family, community, nation, and race.
- Draw a sketch of an example of unity. This can be done in 1 color and very basic.
  - Examples:
    - Draw classroom students working together on a project.
    - Draw a family helping clean after dinner.
    - Draw a family at a piano recital of another student.

#### Guided Practice

- Have students work in groups, partners, or individually to discuss, write examples, and draw a sketch of each of the rest of the principals on the worksheet provided.

### **Independent Practice**

- Have students choose their favorite principle and draw a nice picture of it using crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
- Optional: If you are interested in making this a display board, you may want to assign principles to the students or monitor how many students do their final drawing of each principle so that they are evenly distributed.

### **Closing**

- Talk about what the most important principle is.
- Ask students what their favorite example was.

## **Assessment & Evaluation**

Students will complete an art project.

## **Modification & Differentiation**

The teacher can provide small group or on-on-one instruction. Students can also work in partners.

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