

Terminology in the Arts

Exploring Music Terms

Musical instruments are classified into three categories:

- Percussion Instrument (drums, cymbals, piano)
- Wind Instrument (horn, clarinet, tuba,)
- Stringed Instrument (guitar, violin, harp)

Musical Terms:

Dynamics refers to how loud or soft the music is

Pitch refers to the location of the notes on a musical scale (high pitch versus low pitch)

Tempo refers to the pace (how fast or slow) the music is performed

Rhythm is about the placement of sounds in a regular and repeated pattern

Form refers to the structure of a composition (example: verse-chorus-verse-bridge-chorus). Form can also be used in reference to genre. The form of pop songs differ from that of symphony compositions.

Timbre is also referred to as the tone. Timbre is used to distinguish between instrumental sounds.

Scale of dynamic markings^[2]

Name	Letters	Level
<i>fortississimo</i>	fff	very very loud
<i>fortissimo</i>	ff	very loud
<i>forte</i>	f	loud
<i>mezzo-forte</i>	mf	average
<i>mezzo-piano</i>	mp	
<i>piano</i>	p	quiet
<i>pianissimo</i>	pp	very quiet
<i>pianississimo</i>	ppp	very very quiet

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The Visual Arts

Elements of Visual Arts:

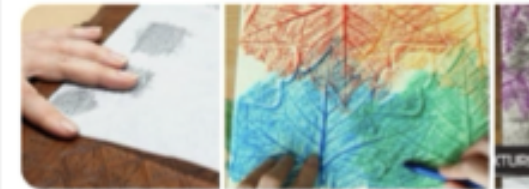
- Line
- Shape
- Form
- Color
- Texture
- Space (placement and perspective)
- Value (lighter or darker tone)

Example Question: Which of these art experiences allows children to explore the element of texture?

- A. Wax crayons C. Watercolor painting
B. Rubbings D. Oil pastels

Rubbing

Art



A rubbing (frottage) is a **reproduction of the texture of a surface created by placing a piece of paper or similar material over the subject and then rubbing the paper with something to deposit marks**, most commonly charcoal or pencil but also various forms of blotted and rolled ink, chalk, wax, and many other substances ...

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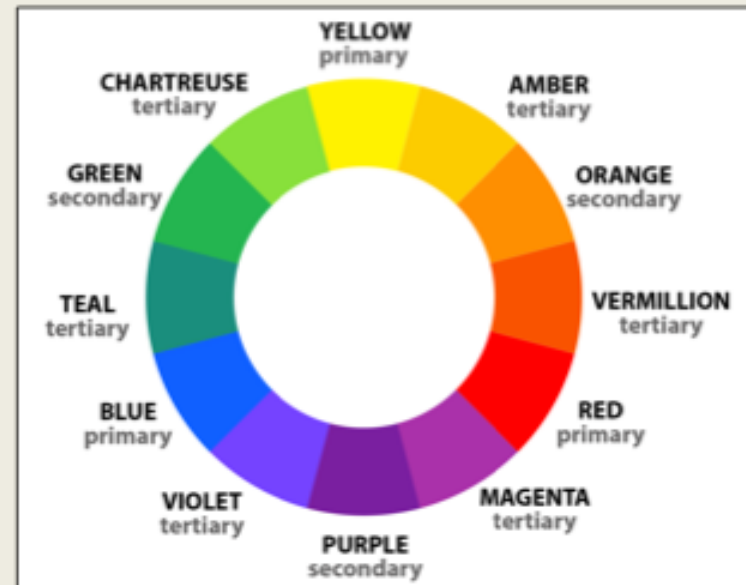
COLOR TERMS

Primary Colors: Red, Yellow and Blue are considered the 3 Primary Colors

Secondary Colors: Made by mixing equal parts of primary colors. (Purple, Green, Orange)

Tertiary Colors: Made by mixing one primary color with half the saturation of a second primary color

Complimentary Colors: Appear opposite each other on the color wheel



The **principles of art** refers to aspects of balance, unity, contrast, movement, emphasis, pattern, and proportion within a piece of artwork.

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The Dramatic Arts

Six Elements of Drama:

- **Plot:** the action of the narrative
- **Character:** person(s) being depicted on stage and acted out by a performer
- **Theme:** the central idea of the play
- **Language:** stylistic choices in dialog; often how the theme is conveyed and how characters are differentiated
- **Music:** songs/performances that move the narrative forward
- **Spectacle:** Visual effects



Key Players:

- Actor
- Playwright
- Director
- Set Designer
- Choreographer
- Stage Manager

Genres of Literacy Drama Include: Comedy, Farce, Melodrama, Opera, Musical Drama, Tragedy, and Tragicomedy

More Information: <https://www.yourdictionary.com/articles/different-types-drama-literature>