

ART APPRECIATION: WHY IN THE WORLD WOULD I STUDY THAT?

A MENTOR MOM © CLASS

by Dana Wood

Prepared for the 2010 LDSEHE Education Conference in Buena Vista, Virginia

Resources for Art Appreciation:

Teaching Art as History

History of Art- by H. W. and Anthony F. Janson- The granddaddy of Art History books. Expensive, but a wonderful reference. Weighs a hefty 8 lbs and has 1000 pages!

Greenleaf Famous Men series by Robert Shearer- Easy reading stories of famous men, including artists in each historical time period

Teaching about the Artists

Annotated Guides : Art The World's Greatest Paintings Explored and Explained by Robert Cumming published by DK – The title explains it all. DK has many books on art and artists.

Masters of Art series by Lucia Corrain- Explains the times and the Art of major art periods.

Looking at Pictures- An Introduction to Art for Young People by Joy Richardson- Another non threatening book about art.

How Should We Then Live? By Francis A. Schaeffer- A thought provoking book on the meaning of Art with a Christian perspective. A must read for parents and teens.

Teaching Techniques and Other Fun Stuff:

Discovering Great Artists: Hands-on Art for Children in the Styles of the Masters by MaryAnn F. Kohl and Kim Solga - This book features 80 different artists with brief biographies and activities for students to recreate the techniques of the artist. Can be a fun way to teach art. For late elementary and middle school (high schoolers would like it too) My favorite resource.

Mudworks by MaryAnn F. Kohl- _ Another book in the series of Bright Ideas for Learning. These books have great activities for preschool through elementary age children. This book's focus is on clay, dough and modeling clay. There are several others with a focus on different ages and mediums.

How to Use Child-sized Masterpieces for Art Appreciation- Aline D. Wolf- This is the book that explains how to use postcards of Art for fun and games.

Art Adventures at Home: A Curriculum Guide for Home Schools- by Pattye Carlson and M. Jean Soyke – This is a multi level art program for elementary age children. Has weekly lessons in creating art.

Looking at Pictures- An Introduction to Art for Young People by Joy Richardson- Another non threatening book about art.

The Usborne Book of Art Skills by Fiona Watt An easy to use book to teach different art techniques. For upper elementary and up. Able to keep the interest of non- artist boys.

How Should We Then Live? By Francis A. Schaeffer- A thought provoking book on the meaning of Art with a Christian perspective. A must read for parents and teens.

Web Resources

www.rainbowresource.com/index.php

A place to get reasonably priced art materials to create your own art. They have just about everything you could ever need.

www.wga.hu/index1.html

One of the best resources for Art History with clear large pictures of Art. Also has a glossary of art terms and Art "Tours" based on time periods or places.

www.doverpublications.com

Has a wealth of resources such as postcards and coloring books from many artists. Inexpensive.

www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/cas/fnart/artweb.html

Art on the web. 1200+ links to art and architecture

A Note--- When looking for art on the web look for .orgs and .edus. Avoid .coms and you will be less likely to run into sites you don't want

Dana has recently become editor of *The Sentinel*, a newsletter for Latter-day Saint National Home Educators—LDSNHA.org . She is a valued resource in all areas of homeschooling and enjoys many additional hobbies in her free time.