



# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade VA ART EXPLORATION

## Atkinson Choice Board

<p><b>Sketching / Warm-up Work:</b> Set-up a sketchbook, pad of paper, or box to collect sketches from envelopes or other scrap papers. Date each sketch &amp; save all. Spend 15 minutes “free-drawing” or doodling without a plan - as a warm-up. This can be done daily.</p>	<p><b>Elements of Art - Part 1</b> Explore LINE by using as many different line types and line qualities to fill a space. See examples and directions in Resource I.</p>	<p><b>Elements of Art - Part 2</b> Explore SHAPE by drawing organic (also called freeform) or geometric shapes on a page of your continuous linework, coloring in shapes to create implied lines. See examples and directions in Resource I.</p>
<p><b>Principles of Design - Sketch Assignment - Part 1</b> Rule of Thirds - Grid Work: choose a work or art or photograph. Divide the piece into a nine-square grid by lightly drawing pencil lines on the image. See examples and directions in Resource I.</p>	<p><b>Principles of Design - Sketch Assignment - Part 2</b> Now on separate paper, draw the image you gridded- square by square - copying exactly what you see in each individual square. See examples and directions in Resource I.</p>	<p><b>Visual Thinking Strategy (VTS)</b> Find a picture of a famous artwork or photograph, either online or from a magazine. Look very closely at the image and answer these 3 questions: What’s going on in this picture? What do you see that makes you say that? What else can you find?</p>
<p><b>Sensory Details</b> Take a walk inside or outside, and as you look around, focus on your senses. What textures do you see and how do they feel to the touch? Do colors make you think of certain smells? What type of music or sounds would go along with what you’re looking at? Is taste involved?</p>	<p><b>Upcycling - Part 1</b> Find or rescue assorted items that either cannot be recycled or before they end up in the recycle bin. Suggestions include packaging (cereal or other boxes, drink packages, lids and covers, broken bits of toys, packaging materials, etc. Collect and think of these items as “materials” instead of trash.</p>	<p><b>Upcycling - Part 2</b> Make a collage from the items you collected. Think about cutting out parts, turning items inside-out, etc. Experiment with arrangement of items before gluing or taping anything down. Have fun and be creative!</p>