

Thinking 'Inside' and 'Outside' the Box - Examples



Outside of box showed sports and friends; Inside the box focused on family history.



Made from an old box of Packer Checkers



Bottom of inside the box was a tribute to her dog with sand and small bits of gravel to represent walks on the beach. I love the quotes added to the inside walls.

Earth Art Artist Choices

Earth art, also referred to as Land art or Earthworks, is an art movement that uses the natural landscape to create site-specific structures, art forms, and sculptures.

Key Ideas:

- > Influenced by prehistoric artworks such as Stonehenge, Earth artists leave their structures exposed to the elements instead of museums where works of art are protected in controlled environments.
- > Earth artists often utilize available materials at the site on which their works were constructed to honor the specificity of the site. Favored materials are directly from nature, such as stones, water, gravel, leaves and soil.

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/photos/land-earth-art-gallery/>

(1) ARTIST: Robert Smithson **The Spiral Jetty 1970**

Materials: Black basalt rock, salt crystals, earth, water **Location:** Rozel Point, Great Salt Lake
<https://utah.com/great-salt-lake-state-park/spiral-jetty>



(2) ARTIST: Mark Dion

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/neukom-vivarium-olympic-sculpture-park>

The most famous of Dion's works is **Neukom Vivarium**, a permanent installation located in the Olympic Sculpture Park in Seattle. A 60-foot Western Hemlock had fallen outside of the city in 1996 and ten years later, Dion used it as the nurse log inside an 80-foot greenhouse. The tree "inhabits an art system," according to the Seattle Art Museum. By "inhabits," they mean insects, fungi, lichen, and other plants. Visitors are provided with magnifying glasses and field guides. Neukom Vivarium is an ever-evolving piece with bacteria and mushrooms appearing one day may be replaced with moss and bugs the very next.



(3) ARTIST: Andy Goldsworthy (*my personal favorite! Beautiful documentaries available*)

[https://www.boredpanda.com/land-art-andy-](https://www.boredpanda.com/land-art-andy-goldsworthy/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=organic)

[goldsworthy/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=organic](https://www.boredpanda.com/land-art-andy-goldsworthy/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=organic)

Goldsworthy aims to help people notice nature once again and ponder all of its magical mysteries. By creating sculptures made of all-natural materials and constructing them in their original environment, Goldsworthy is able to observe the effects of time in nature. Andy Goldsworthy uses many techniques in his artworks such as, circles, lines and spirals because he is reflecting off nature and the surrounded around him.



"I want to get under the surface. When I work with a leaf, rock, or stick, it is not just that material in itself; it is an opening into the processes of life within and around it. When I leave it, these processes continue."

Andy Goldsworthy

Household Ceramics Scavenger Hunt - See if you can find all 10!

Find the following ceramic items around your house:

- a mug - is it made from a mold or hand-built?
- a plate - is it heavy ceramic stoneware or delicate china/porcelain?
- three different sizes of bowls - (1) small for trinkets or spices (2) medium for cereal or soup and (3) large serving bowl or decorative
- decorative item (examples - figurine or vase)
- light fixture (base/socket for lightbulb, decorative nightlight, switch plate cover)
- an old art project made from clay
- a soup spoon or spoon rest
- a flowerpot or planter

Household Ceramics Scavenger Hunt - See if you can find all 10!

Find the following 3D items that could be seen as “sculptural” from around your house:

- a shoe
- a fancy light fixture (standing or hanging)
- a 3D construction from Legos or from another building kit
- a doll or collector’s item (something *not* to be ‘played with’)
- a statue or decorative model of something
- a decorative candle
- a hat!
- a unique (or old, antique) piece of furniture
- a mobile or windchimes
- a piece of jewelry

Think about the type of materials used to make each item, and whether it was handmade, or machine produced.

Valley View Public Art Sculpture - Visual Thinking Strategy (VTS)

Valley View is the location of a contemporary sculpture, that is part of the Public Art Law in Washington State. We are lucky to have this sculpture right outside our art room.



Title: Visual Dialogue, 1982 **Artist:** Lynda Rockwood **Location:** Valley View Middle School

1. What was your first impression of the sculpture “Visual Dialogue?” When did you first notice it?
2. As you look longer at the sculpture, what do you now notice?
3. Why do you think the artist titled this piece “Visual Dialogue?”
4. Do you think the cement base is a significant part of the overall sculpture? why or why not?
5. 2 other photos on the next page show different points of view. Which viewpoint do you like best? Think and then sketch.

