

Sonoran Glass School

Online Learning Syllabus – Fall 2020

Week 1: Glass + Art

Students will discuss symbolism in a project focusing on identity. We will talk about how artists get ideas and how symbols can be used in art. Today we will get to know each other and create an identity map that can be used as a source of inspiration for the duration of the course.

Week 2: Glass + Art

Students will be introduced to the world of glass art by focusing on the elements and principles of design. The main focus for today's project will be warm and cool colors and students will create three magnets based on what they have learned.

Week 3: Glass + Science

Students will have a hot shop day where they will learn all about the science that is involved in glass blowing. They will view a hot shop video, watch a demonstration, and have a conversation with a hot shop artist. Today will not be a project making day.

Week 4: Glass + Science

Students will create a suncatcher focusing on the chemistry of color-changing glass. We will watch an educational video and discuss the science behind the art glass that we use for our projects in the Warm Shop.

Week 5: Glass + History

Students will learn about the history of mosaics, which date back 4,000 years, and then create their own mosaic tile.

Week 6: Glass + History

Students will get to look at famous glass art in modern history and play a game that encourages a conversation about art. For the second half of class students will grout their mosaics.

Week 7: Glass + Writing, Part I

Students will focus on scenery and using descriptive language. We will begin work on a platter to be completed next week. Students will be encouraged to create scenery in their art and will do creative writing exercises that go along with their piece.

Week 8: Glass + Writing, Part II

Students will continue an exploration of scenery and descriptive language. We will continue work on our platters and we will save time to share our creative writing with the group.

Week 9: Glass + Math

Students will use their math kit to focus on angles and shapes for their plate. We will learn how artists use geometry to create optical illusions and make art look 3-D.

Week 10: Glass + Math

The final class will focus on symmetry and balance. This will be a helpful tool for students in creating a candle votive.