

Cave Art and 99Chats¹

Can be used for grades 3-4

Background

A picture says a thousand words! In this lesson, students will get a sense of how art has been used to tell stories.

Objectives

After completing this lesson, students will be able to do the following:

- Verbally demonstrate an understanding of how paintings and drawings help convey significant ideas and events and how people today understand the past from putting together stories and history from these images.
- Explain how pictures function as symbols, recognizing the way in which the relationship between pictures and words allows images to convey meaning.
- Understand how to "read" a picture and put together a series of images in a way similar to that of putting together words to form a story and gain knowledge about the past.

Standards

- (2.10 A) respond to stories and poems in ways that reflect understanding and interpretation in discussion (speculating, questioning) in writing, and through movement, music, art, and drama.
- (2.12 G) Demonstrate learning through productions and displays such as murals, written and oral reports, and dramatizations.

Materials

- Photos of cave art from various caves
- Computer with internet access

¹ Adapted from: <http://edsitement.neh.gov/lesson-plan/cave-art-discovering-prehistoric-humans-through-pictures#sect-objectives>

Procedure

Preparation:

1. Find photos from a cave which looks interesting.
2. Create a group on 99Chats that your students can log onto the next day.

In class:

3. Begin by having the students look over the photos of the cave art from various caves.
4. Have the students write down some things they notice about the photos: What does the picture look like? What do you think the artist had in mind when they drew the picture?
5. Have the students get onto the internet and log on to 99Chats.
6. Next, have the students discuss what they thought of the photos with their fellow classmates and share their ideas with each other.
7. The next day in class, discuss what each of the students had to say when chatting with their classmates on 99Chats.

Assessment

- Discussing with the students their thoughts on the photos from the day before will show what they have learned from the activity.
- The sheet from the day before about what they noticed in the photos will also be a reference to what they got out of it.

