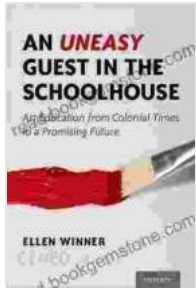


# Art Education From Colonial Times To Promising Future.



## An Uneasy Guest in the Schoolhouse: Art Education from Colonial Times to a Promising Future by Lisa Maker

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Art education has a long and rich history, dating back to colonial times. In the early days, art education was primarily focused on teaching students the basic skills of drawing and painting. However, over time, art education has evolved to encompass a much broader range of subjects, including art history, art criticism, and art theory. Today, art education is an essential part of a well-rounded education, and it can help students develop their creativity, critical thinking skills, and problem-solving abilities.

## Colonial Times

The first formal art education in the United States began in the colonial period. In the early 1700s, a number of private art schools were founded in major cities such as Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. These schools

were primarily attended by the children of wealthy families, and they offered instruction in drawing, painting, and sculpture.

One of the most influential art educators of the colonial period was John Singleton Copley. Copley was a self-taught artist who went on to become one of the leading portraitists in America.

## **The 19th Century**

In the 19th century, art education began to expand beyond the private art schools. In 1876, the first public art school was founded in Philadelphia. This school, which later became known as the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, offered a wide range of art courses, including drawing, painting, sculpture, and architecture.

The expansion of art education in the 19th century was due in part to the growing popularity of art museums. These museums provided students with the opportunity to study original works of art, and they helped to raise the status of art education.

## **The 20th Century**

The 20th century saw a number of significant changes in art education. One of the most important changes was the of new art forms, such as photography, film, and video. These new art forms helped to expand the definition of art, and they also led to the development of new art education programs.

Another important change in art education in the 20th century was the increased emphasis on creativity. In the past, art education had focused primarily on teaching students the basic skills of art making. However, in

the 20th century, art educators began to emphasize the importance of creativity and self-expression.

## **The 21st Century**

The 21st century has seen a continuation of the trends that began in the 20th century. Art education is now more diverse than ever before, and it encompasses a wide range of art forms and styles.

One of the most important challenges facing art education in the 21st century is the need to prepare students for the global economy. In the past, art education was primarily focused on teaching students the skills they needed to become artists. However, in the 21st century, art education must also prepare students for a wide range of careers, including careers in business, technology, and education.

## **The Future of Art Education**

The future of art education is bright. Art education is an essential part of a well-rounded education, and it can help students develop their creativity, critical thinking skills, and problem-solving abilities. As the world continues to change, art education must continue to evolve to meet the needs of students.

One of the most important trends in art education for the future is the increasing use of technology. Technology can be used to create new art forms, to teach students about art history, and to provide students with opportunities to collaborate with other artists around the world.

Another important trend in art education for the future is the increased emphasis on global education. In the past, art education was primarily

focused on Western art. However, in the 21st century, art education must prepare students to understand and appreciate art from all over the world.

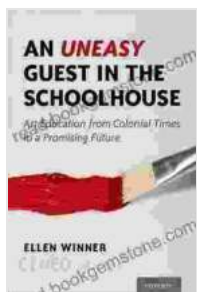
Art education is a vital part of a well-rounded education, and it has a promising future. By continuing to evolve to meet the needs of students, art education can help to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

## **Benefits of Art Education**

There are many benefits to art education, including:

- **Creativity:** Art education can help students develop their creativity and imagination.
- **Critical thinking skills:** Art education can help students develop their critical thinking skills by teaching them to analyze and interpret works of art.
- **Problem-solving abilities:** Art education can help students develop their problem-solving abilities by teaching them to solve creative problems.
- **Cultural understanding:** Art education can help students develop their cultural understanding by teaching them about different art forms from around the world.
- **Communication skills:** Art education can help students develop their communication skills by teaching them to express themselves through art.

Art education is an essential part of a well-rounded education, and it can help students develop their creativity, critical thinking skills, and problem-solving abilities. As the world continues to change, art education must continue to evolve to meet the needs of students. By continuing to innovate and adapt, art education can help to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.



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