

Variations on Student Language

Studio Habits of Mind - Grades 4 & 5

Envision

Beginner:

It is hard for me to come up with ideas for my artwork.

I checked-in with a teacher before starting each step of the artwork.

Developing this Habit:

I pictured one idea in my head for this artwork.

I didn't picture any changes to the artwork as I was working.

I worked with a teacher to plan the steps for this artwork. Once we planned all of the steps, I worked independently on each step.

Confident about this Habit:

I imagined two different ideas for this artwork.

I chose one idea and independently planned the steps to complete that idea.

I pictured some revisions while I was working so I could decide on my next steps.

This habit is my strength

I imagined many different ideas for this artwork in the beginning and as it developed.

I chose one idea and independently planned the steps to complete that idea.

If I had a challenge, I changed my plan to solve the challenge.

My ideas are unique.

Stretch and Explore

Beginner:

I made something that was easy for me.

I have made the same artwork before.

I stopped working on my artwork when there was a problem or challenge.

Developing this Habit:

I tried one new material or technique.

I got a little frustrated with challenges. A teacher helped me solve these challenges.

Confident about this Habit:

I tried more a new material or technique and played with it to see how I might use it in my artwork.

I had one or two challenges and mistakes and I was able to fix them myself.

This habit is my strength:

I tried new materials or techniques that were challenging for me.

I was able to independently solve all challenges.

I know that I can learn new skills from my mistakes.

Observe

Beginner:

I don't like looking closely at things around me.
I used "what is in my head" not "what is around me" to make this artwork.

Developing this Habit:

I sometimes looked closely at things around me to create this artwork.
I included one or two of the details that I observed.

Confident about this Habit:

I looked closely at things around me to create this artwork.
I noticed a few new details that I included in this artwork.

This habit is my strength:

I looked very carefully at things around me to create this artwork.
I noticed many new details that I included in this artwork.

Develop Craft

Beginner:

I don't take care of the tools or help to clean the studio.
I don't try to develop skills by practicing techniques.
My work does not look carefully done.

Developing this Habit:

I sometimes take care of the materials and clean the studio.
I practiced a new skill or technique.
Some of my work looks carefully done.

Confident about this Habit:

I always take care of the tools and clean the studio.
I practiced techniques with the materials and feel confident about my skills.
My work shows that I care about it.

This habit is my strength:

I take good care of the tools and the studio and do more than is asked of me.
I leave things better than I found them.
I have excellent skills with the materials and techniques that I use.
My work is well-crafted.

Express

Beginner:

My artwork does not tell a story or share a feeling or idea.

Developing this Habit:

My artwork is about a story, feeling, or idea.

Confident about this Habit:

My artwork is about a story, feeling or idea that I care about.

People who see this artwork might know what it is about.

This habit is my strength:

My artwork is about a story, feeling, or idea that I am passionate about.

People who see this artwork will understand that it has meaning.

I can communicate my thoughts through my artwork.

Engage and Persist

Beginner:

I did not focus on my work.

My work is still in the beginning stages.

Developing this Habit:

I focused on my work with reminders.

I stopped working when there was a challenge or problem. A teacher helped me to solve these problems so that I could finish my work.

Confident about this Habit:

I focused on my work most of the time.

I had difficulties and challenges that I solved independently or with a friend.

Most parts of my work are complete.

This habit is my strength:

I always focus on my work.

I had challenges and difficulties that I solved independently.

Every part of my artwork is complete and meant to be there.

Reflect

Beginner:

I did not think about my work to decide what is going well and what I can improve.
I don't know what to say about my work.

Developing this Habit:

I thought a little bit about my work to make some decisions.
It is a challenge to think of something that is going well and something I can improve.
I can answer questions about my work.

Confident about this Habit:

I thought about my work as I was doing it and after it was completed.
I can name one or two things that are going well and one or two things that I can improve.
I talked with another student or teacher about my work.

This habit is my strength:

I thought about my work carefully.
I can describe several things that are going well and things I would change or add.
I feel comfortable talking about my work with my classmates and teachers.

Understand Art Worlds

Beginner:

I am not interested in other artists' work.

Developing this Habit:

I might enjoy looking at some artists' work.
It is challenging for me to think of questions or to share ideas about an artists' work.

Confident about this Habit:

I am curious about other artists' work.
I like asking questions and sharing ideas about other artists' work.
I use ideas and techniques that I learn from other artists in my own work.

This habit is my strength:

I am very curious about other artists' work.
I always try to ask questions and share ideas so that I can find out more about other artists' work.
Other artists are a good resource for my artwork – I usually find inspiration in their work.