



# Sketchbooks in the Art Classroom

## Course Syllabus

### Course Description

Sketchbooks can be the key to an organized, well planned art curriculum. From giving students structure in which to take notes and draw practice sketches, to art critique writing opportunities, sketchbooks can have an important place in both elementary and secondary art rooms. This course will introduce how sketchbooks can be made by students, and how they can be used to structure art class. You will learn the research behind sketchbooks in the art room and be given opportunities to tailor sketchbook templates to your teaching needs.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by introducing new knowledge in the use of sketchbooks as a tool for classroom structure, student engagement, and curriculum development in art education.

### Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

1. Understand the history of sketchbooks used by artists and in the classroom.
2. Explore how sketchbooks can be used to create a classroom management structure in both elementary and secondary art classes.
3. Explore examples of sketchbook pages to support student understanding.
4. Consider how sketchbook-making or cover design can be a meaningful first art project.

### Modules

- Module 1: The History of Sketchbooks, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Sketchbooks as Classroom Management Structure, Quiz 2
- Module 3: What's Inside a Sketchbook?, Quiz 3
- Module 4: Sketchbook Making as an Art Project, Quiz 4

### Grading

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

### Format

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.