

ARTSMART: Ancient China

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This hands-on presentation is specifically aligned to supplement the 6th grade social studies curriculum. Due to limited resources, this program is reserved for 6th grade classes only. This is designed primarily for students who have some knowledge of the subject. It is important for the docent to have as much information as possible about the students' level of knowledge prior to giving the talk.

For non-6th grade students, we suggest Art Around the World. This presentation can be adapted to include an emphasis on the Art of Asia, if desired, to fit your curricular needs.

ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

ArtSmart: Ancient China is intended to enhance the 6th grade social studies curriculum through an exploration of Chinese history state through the eyes of its artists.

Presentation consists of two parts: a digital tour of Ancient Chinese art from the Museum's collection, followed by a hands-on activity creating a wood block seal stamp.

GOALS OF PARTICIPATION

Students will...

1. Learn ways in which art conforms to the belief systems of the artist and his culture.
2. Be introduced to insights gained from Chinese tomb art.
3. Learn about China's isolation, which led to development of a unique style.
4. See how the Silk Road changed Chinese religion and brought new ideas.
5. Create a Chinese seal, and learn its purpose and importance in Chinese art.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM

60 minutes, minimum. Due to the hands-on element, this presentation requires the full hour.

PRESENTATION REQUIRES

- A maximum of 34 students per presentation (consecutive classes may be scheduled).
- Screen or blank white wall in a room that can be darkened.
- Please let Museum know if your classroom is equipped with a projector or Smartboard. If not, Docent can provide one.
- Phoenix Art Museum will provide materials for the hand-on project. Please ensure students have pencils and adequate desk space available.
- Classroom teacher must remain in the classroom to manage students at all times.

TO SCHEDULE

- Sessions are available at no cost.
- To request an ArtSmart: Ancient China presentation, complete [online request form](#), or call (602) 257-4356 at least five weeks prior to your desired program date.