

# Elementary Art: Color and Mood

**Learning Goals:** Review the Elements of Art - Color

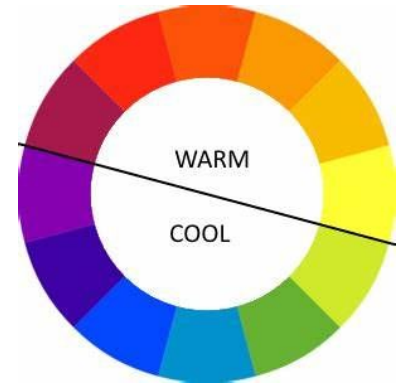
**Activities:** Color and Mood

**Resources:** [The National Gallery of Art](https://www.nationalgallery.org/)

## Assignment:

Color helps to convey many things in visual art, including mood and atmosphere.

Make a list of what colors you associate with feeling happy, and what colors you associate with feeling sad. Make a list of what colors you associate with a warm and sunny day, and the colors you associate with a cool, rainy day. **These two categories of color are called warm colors and cool colors and they can change the way a piece of art makes the viewer feel.**



Pick a spot outside your house (you can be inside looking out a window!) and draw a simple line drawing of the objects in your view (ex: a tree in your backyard, flowers in your garden). A line drawing looks like a coloring book, no shading!

*Kindergarten & 1st Grade:* Choose warm colors OR cool colors and color your entire piece using just those colors. Ask your parent or guardian to look at your artwork and describe how it makes them feel.

*2nd & 3rd Grade:* Copy your line drawing on to a second piece of paper so you have two identical drawings. Color one with your happy, sunny colors and the other with your cool, rainy colors. Ask your parent or guardian to look at your artwork and describe how each piece makes them feel.

*4th & 5th Grade:* Complete the same steps as 2nd & 3rd grade above, but add shading to your artwork using darker versions of each color. Remember, shading is added in areas where light does not directly shine on an object! Adding details like shading help make your artwork look more realistic.

**Assessment:** Was your viewer able to match up your artwork with the correct category of colors? For 2nd - 5th grade students, did your two pieces convey a different feeling because of the colors you used?