

Core Knowledge® 
National Conference 2009

Top-Priority Unit Topics ~ Middle School Visual Arts & Music

Units on the following topics will receive the highest priority as we select from among submissions for the “Share the Knowledge” sessions to be given during the 2009 Core Knowledge National Conference.

To read this list, look at topic headings below, then refer to the *Core Knowledge Sequence* for more specific content within that topic. Note: The items listed are identical to the lettering and numbering of the *Sequence*. Gaps in lettering and numbering are intentional.

In addition to the topics listed below, preference will be given to instructional units that incorporate ideas such as:

- *music (all topics) 7th grade
- *art (all topics) 8th grade

Finally, note that submitting a unit on these topics does not guarantee acceptance as we have a limited number of presentation spaces available. *However, high-quality, **completed units** will receive the highest priority among proposals.*

Visual Arts

Grade 6

- I. Art History: Periods and Schools
 - A. Classical Art: The Art of Ancient Greece and Rome
 - B. Gothic Art
 - C. The Renaissance
 - D. Baroque
 - E. Rococo
 - F. Neoclassical
 - G. Romantic
 - H. Realism

Grade 7

- I. Art History: Periods and Schools
 - A. Impressionism
 - B. Post-Impressionism
 - C. Expressionism and Abstraction
 - D. Modern American Painting

Grade 8

- I. Art History: Periods and Schools
 - A. Painting Since World War II
 - B. Photography
 - C. 20th-Century Sculpture

II. Architecture Since the Industrial Revolution

Music

Grade 6

- I. Elements of Music
- II. Classical Music
 - B. Classical
 - C. Romantic

Grade 7

- I. Elements of Music
- II. Classical Music: Romantics and Nationalists
 - A. Romantic Composers and Works
 - B. Music and National Identity
- III. American Musical Traditions (Blues and Jazz)

Grade 8

- I. Elements of Music
- III. Classical Music: Nationalists and Moderns
 - A. Music and National Identity
 - B. Modern Music
- IV. Vocal Music
 - A. Opera
 - B. American Musical Theater