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The Power of Pictures: Reading Art Across the Curriculum

Led by Melanie Rick, Kennedy Center Teaching Artist
For Teachers of Grades K–6 (*limited to 50 participants*)

Are you looking for ways to build students' background knowledge to motivate, connect and engage your students with the curriculum? Visual art is a text that can be decoded and comprehended to communicate significant information for all reading and language levels. Join Melanie Rick, National Board Certified Teacher and certified Reading Specialist, to learn how to help students observe analytically, unlock the symbolism in art in order to make evidence-based inferences, connect content with images, and use art as a point of inquiry for research in science, social studies, and reading. This course includes On-Your-Own content to work on at your own pace up to 7 days prior to the professional development online workshop Zoom session. Teaching Artist Melanie Rick will use this approach to model best practices in online education.

Session 1: Focused on the foundational lessons and skills of reading art

On-Your-Own Content: work at your own pace: November 30–December 8, 2020

Zoom: Online Workshop: Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 4–6 p.m.

Session 2: Focused on reading portraits; an approach to teaching

On-Your-Own Content: work at your own pace: January 4–11, 2021

Zoom: Online Workshop: Monday, January 11, 2020 4–6 p.m.

Location: On-Your-Own Content link and Zoom Workshop link will be sent after registration.. Laptop or tablet required.

Chautauqua Institution will be providing NYSED-approved CTLE credits for each course. This course will offer 8-10 hours of CTLE credit. **To register please [click here](#).**

This workshop was developed in association with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and is partially underwritten by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Committee for the Performing Arts.

Melanie Rick



Melanie is a National Board-Certified Teacher, certified reading specialist, and co-owner and senior arts-integration consultant for Focus 5, Inc. She designs and leads workshops, in-depth courses, and summer institutes focused on aligning arts integration, best instructional practices, and current research in the fields of arts and education.

Ms. Rick works in art museums, schools, and art centers across the country, helping teachers develop their students' visual literacy and critical thinking skills through the integration of visual art and poetry throughout the curriculum.

Melanie is currently a course leader and instructional arts coach for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Art's Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program in Washington, D.C. She also served as the CETA program consultant for five years, working with teaching artists to develop and evaluate workshops presented at the Kennedy Center.

Melanie holds an MA in Literacy Curriculum and Instruction from Virginia Tech and a BA in Elementary and Special Education from Clemson University. She has 20 years of experience integrating the arts with general education, special education, and English Language Learners. She has been a classroom teacher in 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th grades as well as an arts integration specialist in a Title I arts magnet school.