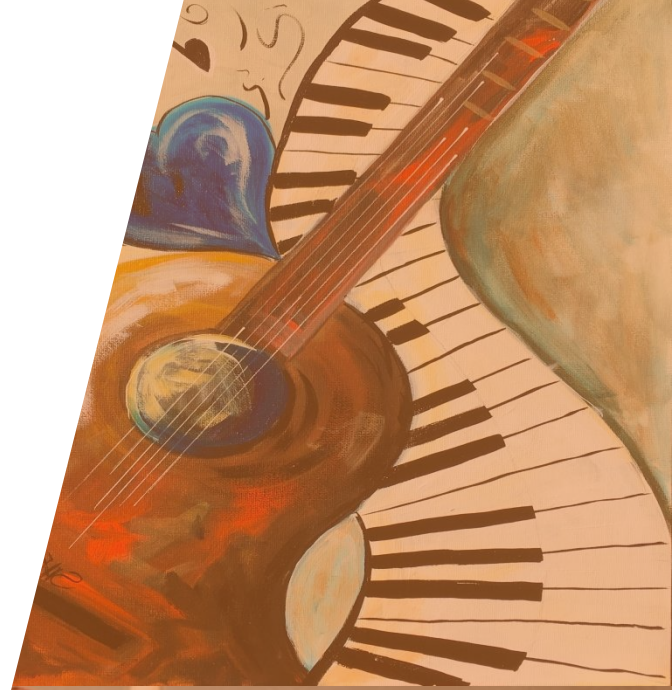


# SMART JUNIORS 2

Cultural Expressions  
Through Art Forms

Lesson 39  
Read for Detail



- Listen and review the essay.

## Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms

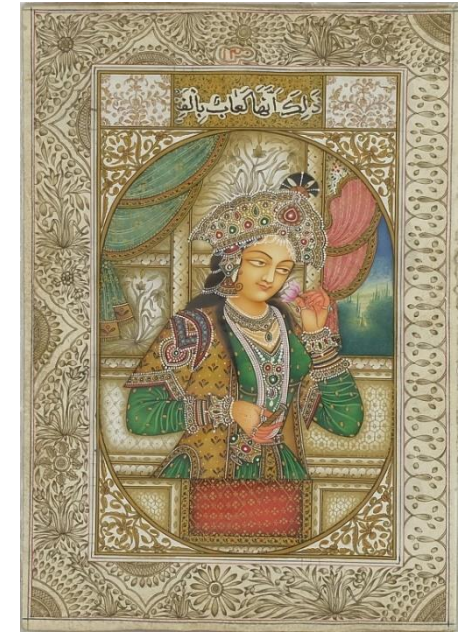
- ▶ Art has been a significant expression of culture throughout history, reflecting the beliefs, values, and traditions of various societies. It serves as a bridge to connect the gap between different countries, allowing us to appreciate and understand diverse cultures. Three distinct art forms that convey unique cultures are music, painting, and dance.
- ▶ Music is a universal language that resonates with people from all walks of life. Traditional Japanese music, for instance, showcases the rich cultural heritage of Japan. The captivating melodies played on traditional instruments such as the shamisen, reflect the Zen spirit deeply ingrained in Japanese culture.



shamisen

# LISTEN AND REVIEW

- ▶ Painting, another powerful art form, allows artists to capture the essence of their respective cultures. One striking example is Indian miniature painting, a centuries-old tradition that originated in the Mughal era. These detailed artworks portray myths, legends, and historical events, using vibrant colors and delicate brushwork. Each stroke tells a tale, providing a glimpse into the world of Indian culture.



**Indian miniature painting**



**Flamenco Dancer**

- ▶ Dance, with its graceful movements and expressive gestures, embodies culture in a physical form. Flamenco, a traditional Spanish dance, represents the passionate spirit of the Andalusian region. Through fast footwork, hand clapping, and dramatic postures, flamenco conveys the intense emotions and vitality to Spanish tradition and history.

# LISTEN AND REVIEW

- ▶ In conclusion, art forms like music, painting, and dance serve as powerful channels for conveying cultural diversity. They allow us to delve into the depths of different societies, connecting us through shared human experiences. By appreciating these art forms, we not only gain insight into specific cultures but also foster a deeper appreciation for the beauty and richness of our collective heritage.



- Read paragraph 2 and answer the question.

**Which spirit does the traditional Japanese music reflect?**



A

Zen spirit



B

Christian spirit

Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms | Paragraph 2

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## Useful Expressions

Music is a universal language that resonates with **people from all walks of life.**



## Let Me Try!

\_\_\_\_\_ resonates with all the hearts of people from all walks of life.

## Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms | Paragraph 2

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- Read paragraph 3 and give what is asked below.

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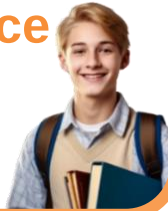
- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_

## Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms | Paragraph 3

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## Useful Expressions

Painting, another powerful art form, allows artists to **capture the essence** of their respective cultures.



## Let Me Try!



I think this photo captures the essence of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_.

## Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms | Paragraph 3

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- Read paragraph 4 and answer the question.

Which feature is **NOT** included in the traditional Spanish dance Flamenco?

- A fast footwork**
- B black little dress**
- C dramatic postures**
- D hand clapping**

Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms | Paragraph 4

Dance, with its graceful movements and expressive gestures, embodies culture in a physical form. Flamenco, a traditional Spanish dance, represents the passionate spirit of the Andalusian region. Through fast footwork, hand clapping, and dramatic postures, flamenco conveys the intense emotions and vitality to Spanish tradition and history.

## Useful Expressions

**Through** fast footwork, hand clapping, **and** dramatic postures, flamenco **conveys** the intense...



## Let Me Try!

**Through** beautiful melody, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, **and** \_\_\_\_\_,  
this song **conveys** \_\_\_\_\_.

## Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms | Paragraph 4

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“Fast footwork”, “hand clapping”, and “dramatic postures” are three symbols in flamenco dance which reflect the spirit of Spanish people.



fast  
footwork



hand  
clapping



dramatic  
posture

## Making Inferences

- What do you think the spirit of Spanish people is like? Tick the qualities that you think meet their spirit.

passionate

gentle

introverted

vigorous

energetic

quiet

peaceful

wild

- **Discuss with your teacher.**

## Other Art Forms in Your Country

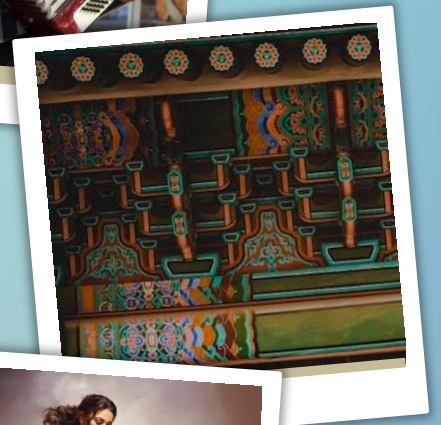
1. What other forms of art are present in your country, aside from music, painting, and dance?
2. Do you believe that these art forms reflect the culture of your country? If so, why?





- **Complete the summary of the essay.**

Art r\_\_\_\_\_ the beliefs and traditions of societies, bridging gaps between countries. Music, painting, and dance are powerful forms of art that c\_\_\_\_\_ unique cultures. For example, traditional Japanese music showcases Japan's cultural h\_\_\_\_\_, Indian m\_\_\_\_\_ painting portrays myths and legends, and flamenco dance embodies the p\_\_\_\_\_ spirit of Spain. These art forms connect us through shared experiences and deepen our appreciation for d\_\_\_\_\_ cultures.





# WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we will learn the critical thinking skill:  
"Responding to an Author's Ideas." See you next time!