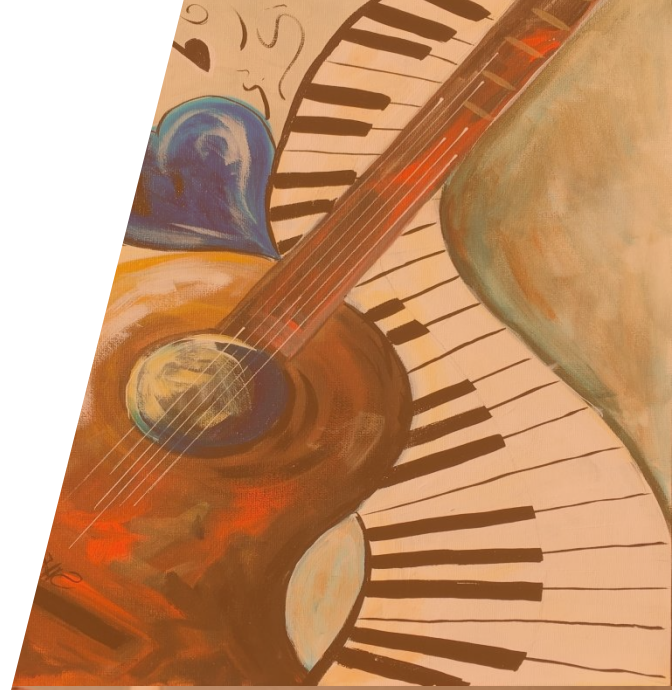


SMART JUNIORS 2

Cultural Expressions
Through Art Forms

Lesson 38

Read for Main Idea



Academic Vocabulary

Read each sentence. Choose the correct definition of the highlighted word.

1. The historical artifacts showcase our rich cultural **heritage**.



adj. extremely interesting, exciting, pleasant, or attractive

2. The **captivating** sunset makes me want to cry.



v. to express a thought, feeling, or idea so that it is understood by other people

3. A teacher should **convey** his/her thoughts clearly and effectively.



n. traditions, languages, or buildings, that were created in the past and have been passed on to nowadays

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4. I caught a quick **glimpse** of the movie. It looks like a war story.



adj. used to describe something that is a very small copy of an object

5. Mike collects **miniature** toys as a hobby.



adj. having very strong feelings or emotions

6. She is **passionate** about dancing and practices every day.



n. an occasion when you see something or someone for a very short time

PREPARE TO READ

Think Before Reading

Do you know these art forms? Read their names and guess which countries they originated from.



calligraphy



ukiyoe



flamenco

Cultural Expressions Through Diverse Art Forms

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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.

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Predict From the Title

Look at **the title** of the essay and answer the questions below.

1. What is the essay's title?

2. What do you think the essay will be about?

- A** different kinds of art forms
- B** cultural expression behind art forms
- C** diverse cultural expressions

- Listen and read the essay.

Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms

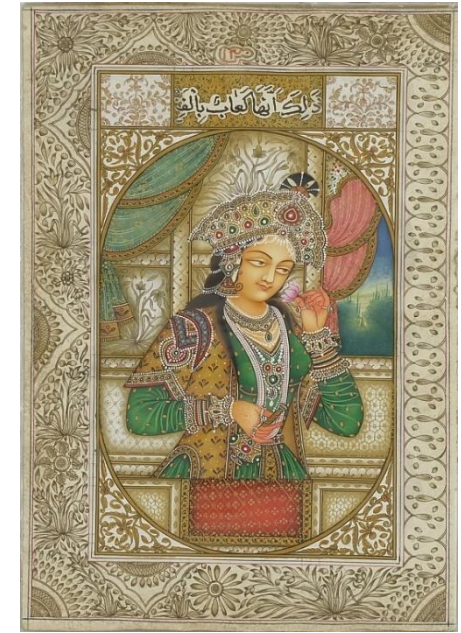
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shamisen

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Indian miniature painting

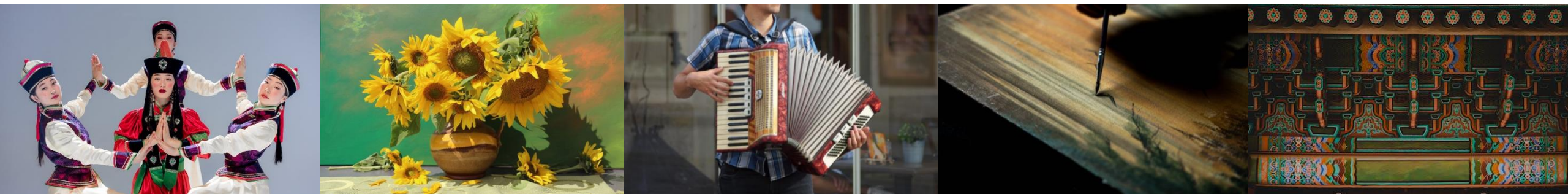


Flamenco Dancer

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The Main Idea

What do you think is the main idea of the essay?

- A** Different art forms provide a bridge between different countries.
- B** By appreciating art forms like music, painting, and dance, we can gain insight into various cultures.
- C** Traditional Japanese music, Indian miniature painting, and flamenco dance are examples of art forms.

Main Idea for Paragraphs



Skim and find.

1. Which sentence tells the main idea of the paragraph?
2. Which sentence leads to the next paragraphs?

Skimming Strategy

In the first paragraph, **always pay attention to the first and last sentences** to find the key information.



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1. the topic sentence of this paragraph.
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Skim and answer.

1. Which is the topic sentence of this paragraph?
2. What evidence is used to support the topic sentence?

Skimming Strategy

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Cultural Expressions Through Art Forms | [Paragraph 4](#)

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heritage

captivating

convey

glimpse

miniature

passionate

Read for Main Idea

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WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to focus more
on the details of the essay. See you next class!