

## Plein Air on the Santa Cruz River Lesson Plan

### Objectives:

- To get students out of the classroom and outdoors
- To identify and describe key plein air artists
- To experience and apply plein air painting techniques
- To think about composition and color harmony
- To reflect on plein air experience

**Levels:** elementary to college

**Class time:** Approximately 2 hours +

### Materials:

- Sketchbook or nature journal
- Various media like pencils, pens, paint etc.
- Brushes, water cups, paper towels, and apron
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Drinking water
- Snacks

**Method:** Use the provided PowerPoint to meet the objectives above.

### Arizona Standards Engaged

#### Creating

- AS1 Generate and Conceptualize Artistic Ideas
- AS2 Organize and Develop Artistic Ideas and Work
- AS3 Refine and Complete Artistic Work

#### Responding (if gallery walk is included)

- AS7 Perceive and Analyze Artistic Work
- AS8 Interpret Intent and Meaning in Artistic Work
- AS9 Apply Criteria to Evaluate Artistic Work
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#### Connecting

- AS10. Synthesize and Relate Knowledge and Personal Experiences to Make Art
- AS11. Relate Artistic Ideas and Works with Societal, Cultural, and Historical Context to Deepen Understanding

