

Color Shows Mood

Cross-Curricular Focus: Visual Arts



Artists use **color** to create patterns. Color can also show different moods. Bright colors make us feel happy and energetic. Dark colors make us feel calm or sad.

The **primary colors** are red, yellow, and blue. They are the colors that can be mixed together to make different colors. Mixing two primary colors makes a **secondary color**. The secondary colors are orange, green, and violet (purple). Orange is made by mixing yellow and red. Green is made by mixing yellow and blue. Violet is made by mixing red and blue. Intermediate colors can be made by mixing a primary and a secondary color together. Some intermediate colors are blue violet and red orange. Black, white, and gray are special colors. They are called **neutral colors**.

Colors have been organized into a **color wheel**. It shows the three primary colors, the three secondary colors, and the six intermediate colors. Artists use the color wheel. It helps them know which colors they want to use together.

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What kinds of colors make us feel calm?

2) What kinds of colors make us feel like we have lots of energy?

3) What are the primary colors?

4) What are the secondary colors?

5) What tool do artist use to organize all the colors?
