



#10654 ACCESSORIZE YOUR HOME WITH STYLE

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GRADE LEVEL: ADULT
17 MINUTES

DESCRIPTION

Interior designer Robin Strangis tours showrooms and features accessories for decor in the following styles: traditional, contemporary, ethnic, American Country, Arts and Crafts, Victorian, and eclectic. Offers tips and hints for decorating and accessorizing.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Subject Area: Visual Arts

- Standard: Knows how to use structures (e.g., sensory qualities, organizational principles, expressive features) and functions of art.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Understands how the characteristics and structures of art are used to accomplish commercial, personal, communal, or other artistic intentions.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Understands the effectiveness of various artworks in terms of organizational structures and functions.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Knows how organizational principles and functions can be used to solve specific visual arts problems.
- Standard: Understands the visual arts in relation to history and cultures.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Knows a variety of historical and cultural contexts regarding characteristics and purposes of works of art.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Knows the function and meaning of specific art objects within varied cultures, times, and places.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Understands relationships among works of art in terms of history, aesthetics, and culture.

Subject Area: Life Work

- Standard: Manages money effectively.
 - ♦ Benchmark: Uses sound buying principles (e.g., comparing costs and benefits, making informed choices) for purchasing goods and services.

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS

1. To identify furniture styles.
2. To make informed buying decisions when purchasing furniture.
3. To be able to aesthetically furnish living quarters.

VOCABULARY

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| 1. Arts and Crafts | 11. International |
| 2. asymmetrical | 12. mantel |
| 3. cameo | 13. marble |
| 4. chateau | 14. settee |
| 5. contemporary | 15. scale |
| 6. damask | 16. symmetrical |
| 7. eclectic | 17. traditional |
| 8. ethnic | 18. upholstery |
| 9. fringe | 19. Venetian |
| 10. gilded | 20. Victorian |

AFTER SHOWING

Discussion Items and Questions

1. What makes some rooms exciting and others dull?
2. What percentage of a decorating budget is typically spent on accessories?
3. What are the two types of accessories? Give an example of each.
4. How can you make a room look formal?
5. What three centuries does the traditional style refer to? In what two countries?
6. What does the term *contemporary style* refer to?
7. What are three characteristics of the contemporary style?
8. What does the term *ethnic style* refer to?
9. What three colors are used in the ethnic style?
10. What three styles use simple accessories?
11. When did the Victorian style become popular in America?
12. What types of fabric does the Victorian style use?
13. What does *eclectic* mean?
14. What three things should you keep in mind when decorating?

Applications and Activities

1. Divide students into groups. Assign each group a style. Have them find these styles in magazines, cut out and paste to poster board, and then present to the class.
2. Have students bring in furniture ads from newspapers and compare style, prices, and quality.

RELATED RESOURCES

Captioned Media Program

- [*Furnishing and Decorating Your First Apartment #8732*](#)
- [*House Styles #10529*](#)
- [*How to Buy Quality Furniture #9590*](#)
- [*Magic With Floral Decor: Dried Flower Fantasy #8154*](#)
- [*Norm's Guide to Antiquing and Furniture Restoration #9322*](#)
- [*Window Treatment Basics #8954*](#)

World Wide Web



The following Web sites complement the contents of this guide; they were selected by professionals who have experience in teaching deaf and hard of hearing students. Every effort was made to select accurate, educationally relevant, and "kid safe" sites. However, teachers should preview them before use. The U.S. Department of Education, the National Association of the Deaf, and the Captioned Media Program do not endorse the sites and are not responsible for their content.

• DECORATING

<http://www.mommysavers.com/moneysavingideas/decorating.htm>

Links to sites that aid with decorating on a budget, such as "How to Decorate Your Kitchen on a Dime," "Decorating With Toile," and "Fantasy Kids Rooms for Under \$50."



• HOME & GARDEN TELEVISION

http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/dc_styles_art_deco/article/0,1793,HGTV_3507_1704576,00.html

Provides examples of different decorating styles as well as a link to articles about decorating.

- **FURNITURE**

<http://www.zeroland.co.nz/furniture.html>

Provides a furniture Web index from A-Z.

- **GUIDE TO FURNITURE STYLES**

<http://www.connectedlines.com/styleguide/>

Describes and dates 19 popular furniture styles and their distinctive components.



- **FURNITURE STYLES AND PERIODS**

<http://htdconnect.com/~plucas/styles.htm>

Provides information on furniture industry, history, and design.

- **THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART**

<http://www.metmuseum.org>

Features an exhibit of antique furniture and furniture styles.

