

Visual Arts: Elements & Principles Vocabulary (K-12 Vertically Aligned)

Elements of Art

*Value*

*Color*

*Texture*

*Form*

*Space*

*Shape*

*Line*

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Principles of Design

*Dominance  
(Foreground)*

*Subordination  
(Background)*

*Theme  
(Reoccurring Idea & Topic)*

*Variation  
(Different Version)*

*Emphasis  
(Primary focus of content /  
elements)*

*Unity  
(Unified content & use of elements)*

*Rhythm  
(Multiple patterns)*

*Repetition  
(Pattern)*

*Contrast  
(Opposites)*

Movement

Balance