

Let's talk about **TEXTURE**

Learning the **ELEMENTS OF ART**

One of the seven elements of art, **TEXTURE** asks us to describe how something may look or feel when it is touched. Sometimes artists create artwork that you *can* touch and sometimes their artwork is meant to be seen but *cannot* be touched. In either case, artists often use texture to activate our feelers even if we are only allowed to experience their artwork by looking at it with our eyes.

There are two different types of texture:

ACTUAL or tactile texture is real. You can feel it when you touch it. Look at the sculptures on the next page and describe how you think they would feel.

IMPLIED or visual texture causes our imagination to think about how something might feel if it were to be touched. Even when an artwork is flat, the use of drawn or painted marks can can 'imply' texture that makes us imagine a cloud painted on a flat canvas actually feels fluffy, soft, and airy.

The games in this worksheet will help you learn about different types of textures and a few of the words to describe them.

Have fun!

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When you look at an artwork, in this instance the two John Chamberlain sculptures shown below, what do you think they may feel like if you were touch them? Lets compare them. Is one smooth? Is the other rough? Maybe one is soft and the other is hard? Are they Bumpy? Sharp? Cold? Take a look at the images and then write three words for each that describe how you think they would feel if you could touch them:



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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S S N G C Y T J J G G R J A T S K
L O B J I M G Z D N G O X K D C E
E F W A X Y S T Z F T C V L W A E
E T A Z E Q A R U D Z K W I O L U
K Z J C Y S N V T A N Y G Q I Y O
R W X O I W D Y E A C T U A L W Z
V R S A M L Y N X N B S M O O T H
I I B R P M P P T W Z M K F V K M
G N U S L S P F U O H L E D A Z A
W K M E I C W B R W G Y C I N I K
B L P Q E R M R E Q V J F A V Q K
R E Y Y D A Z I R O U G H R G F U
V D X A A T C S D E L I C A T E K
Z A O C F C P T Z O E J I B N T E
P B E Q L H W L D H Q I R E A L K
W V X G Q Y E Y S S I L K Y N X Q
J S P I K Y K N W K N Q H A R D C

LOOK UP AND DOWN AND ACROSS TO FIND THESE HIDDEN WORDS ABOUT TEXTURE

Actual	Coarse	Implied	Rough	Scratchy	Smooth	Texture
Bristly	Delicate	Real	Sandy	Silky	Soft	Waxy
Bumpy	Hard	Rocky	Scaly	Sleek	Spiky	Wrinkled

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Unscramble these words about texture (HINT: They are the same as the Word Search)

1. UCLAAT _____

2. TLSRBIY _____

3. BUYMP _____

4. SCERAO _____

5. TCDELAIE _____

6. RADH _____

7. EPILDMI _____

8. RLEA _____

9. YKOCR _____

10. GOHRU _____

11. SDYAN _____

12. ASCLY _____

13. CSHARCYT _____

14. LKYIS _____

15. KSEEL _____

16. MOOSHT _____

17. FSOT _____

18. KPSYI _____

19. YXAW _____

20. NDILRKEW _____