

# Creative Youth Development Framework



- Opening Circle
- Share Artistic Expertise
- Engage in Creative Process
- Closing Circle
- ➔ Culminating Performance

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## Opening Circle

5-15min

Grounds the Group & Sets the Tone for the Day

- Mindfulness/Meditation
- Check Ins
- Games

## Share Artistic Expertise

5-15min

Connects the Group to the larger Art World &  
Provides a Context for Art Making

- Examples of Inspiring Artists
- Historical & Cultural Background
  - Related Vocabulary to Art Form
- Teaching Artist Demonstrates Rigorous Arts Technique

## Engage in Creative Process

25-45min

Moves Emerging Artists towards Mastery & Culminating Experience

- Technique Practice and Application
- Teaching Artist Serves as Mentor, Co-Creator, and Director
- Emerging Artists Share their Work, Receive Feedback, and Make Revisions

## Closing Circle

5-15min

Provides Time for Reflection on Learning & Group Experience

- Self/Group Assessment
- Group Check Outs/Appreciations

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## Culminating Performance

Final Day

An opportunity to showcase what students learned and created in front of an audience of their peers and/or community

- Performance should mirror how professional artists share work: gallery for visual arts, stage/outdoor space for theater/music/dance
- Display additional photos and/or narrative describing the creative process alongside the performance