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**Unit:** Social Studies Through Art

**Lesson Title:** Art and Social Studies: a perfect match

**Grade Level:** Elementary

**Lesson Time:** 2 days

**Objective:**

Students will incorporate math and social skills into this activity by making choices and using fake money.

**Materials:** White paper, crayons, markers, monopoly money (or other type of fake money)

**Teaching Strategies:**

While students learn about neighborhoods, states, countries, governments, symbols, holidays, customs and traditions they may create these images through drawings.

The teacher will have an "Art Show For Social Studies". The students will be instructed to pick a social studies term and design it onto white paper. The object will be drawn and colored by the students. The teacher will choose a day for the show. The work will be turned in, and the teacher will display the students' art work on a board in the classroom. The students will be given fake money that they will use to purchase the pictures of their choice. The teacher will put a price on each picture, and the students will have to count out the exact amount to the teacher in order to purchase the artwork.

The students will be viewing different social studies terms as well as interacting with their peers and dealing with counting money. The teacher may ask a parent to volunteer to visit on this day to help with the "Art Show for Social Studies".

Many students will be greatly rewarded to see their artwork purchased by their classmates, and the interacting is very fun as well as educational.