

Pixel Art: Emoji K-5

Objective: Students will learn about recreating emojis in grid format and create a pixel art drawing on graph paper.

Topics & Keywords for Discussion:

Pixel Art: a style of art inspired by the digital version of images composed of pixels.

Emoji: pictograms, and smileys used in electronic messages and web pages. The purpose of using emojis is to add emotional reactions to plain text messages.

Materials: copy paper, pencils, graph paper, markers or colored pencils.

Opening activity: GUESS MY MOOD! This is a game of charades, I recommend you go first AND last, when it's time to bring the game to an end. Let students know you are all playing Guess My Mood, and the player who is portraying a mood has 30 seconds to show (NOT TELL) their mood, audience is SILENT until they hear the player say "Guess My Mood!" Students can shout out moods until they get the right answer and STAFF will choose the next player.

Core Activity: It's EMOJI time! What is an emoji? Ask students and see what kinds of answers you get! Let them know that today we are drawing EMOJI! Distribute the copy paper and pencils and have them lightly sketch their emoji idea and then distribute the graph paper and markers as needed to make the emoji in pixel art! There are some emoji attached for inspiration and support.

Reflection: While students clean up the space, ask them to share their emoji drawings and explain their artistic choices!







