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### Objective:

To introduce 6th graders to the rich and diverse world of Spanish art, encouraging them to create their own artworks inspired by famous Spanish artists and traditions.

### Steps for the Project:

#### Step 1: Research and Introduction

- Choose an Artist or Tradition: Select one of the following famous Spanish artists or art traditions to research:
  - Pablo Picasso
  - Joan Miro
  - Salvador Dali
  - Antoni Gaudí and the Sagrada Familia
  - Traditional Spanish Tiles and Ceramics
  - Mexican Folk Art (for a broader Hispanic cultural perspective)
- Research and Presentation: Gather information about the chosen artist or tradition. Prepare a short presentation (5-10 minutes) to share with the class, including key facts, notable works, and the cultural significance of the artist or tradition.

#### Step 2: Art Activities

##### Option 1: Picasso-Style Collage

- Materials Needed:
  - Colored paper (various shapes and sizes)
  - Scissors
  - Glue sticks
  - Black marker or pencil
- Instructions:
  - Cut out various shapes from colored paper.
  - Arrange the shapes to create a collage inspired by Picasso's Cubist style.
  - Use a black marker or pencil to add details and outlines.

- Write a short artist's statement explaining your inspiration and creative process.

## Option 2: Miro-Style Drawing

- Materials Needed:
  - Colored markers or pencils
  - Cartridge paper (A5 or A4 size)
  - Black marker or pencil
- Instructions:
  - Use colored markers or pencils to create a drawing inspired by Joan Miro's surrealist style.
  - Incorporate simple shapes, lines, and bold colors.
  - Add a title to your artwork and write a short description of your inspiration.

## Option 3: Sagrada Familia Model

- Materials Needed:
  - Air-drying clay or paper mache
  - Rolling pins or stainless steel drink bottles
  - Cutting tools and wooden skewers
  - Paints and brushes
- Instructions:
  - Create a model of the Sagrada Familia using air-drying clay or paper mache.
  - Use rolling pins or drink bottles to shape the clay.
  - Add details with cutting tools and wooden skewers.
  - Paint the model once it is dry.

## Option 4: Traditional Spanish Tiles

- Materials Needed:
  - Colored paper or ceramic tiles (if available)
  - Paints and brushes
  - Glue sticks
  - Scissors
- Instructions:
  - Design and paint traditional Spanish tile patterns on colored paper or ceramic tiles.

- Use geometric shapes and bright colors.
- Arrange the tiles to create a larger mosaic piece.
- Write a short description of the significance of traditional Spanish tiles.

## Step 3: Display and Presentation

- Class Exhibition: Set up a class exhibition to display all the artworks created.
- Artist Presentations: Each student will present their artwork to the class, explaining their inspiration, the creative process, and any challenges they faced.

## Step 4: Reflection and Journaling

- Self-Reflection: After completing the project, write a self-reflection in your art journal or notebook.
  - What did you learn about Spanish art and culture?
  - What challenges did you face, and how did you overcome them?
  - What was your favorite part of the project?

## Tips and Resources

- Use Visual Aids: Incorporate images and videos of the artists' works to inspire and guide your creations.
- Follow Instructions: Use the provided step-by-step instructions or display them on a screen for easy reference.
- Encourage Creativity: Allow students to express their own creativity while staying true to the inspiration from Spanish art.

## Materials Needed

- Depending on the activity chosen:
  - Colored paper and cartridge paper
  - Scissors, glue sticks, and cutting tools
  - Paints, brushes, and colored markers
  - Air-drying clay or paper mache
  - Rolling pins or stainless steel drink bottles
  - Wooden skewers