

Lesson Plan

NEUROHEADWAY

Neuroscience Into Education

CALLIGRAPHY

Lesson Plan One - Introduction to Calligraphy

Slide	Subject	Description	Timing
	Introduction	Register pupils and introduction to club	5 mins
2	Intro to session and examples to different techniques and styles	The word “calligraphy” originates from the Greek language and means the art of beautiful writing. Even centuries ago, it gave people all over the world the opportunity to communicate with each other. Whether in the form of cave painting, hieroglyphics, Asian characters or in the form of Arabic or western writing, calligraphy was and always will be seen as an art of communication. Has anyone ever seen any examples of cave painting or hieroglyphics?	5 mins
3-5	The History of Writing	Let’s have a look at a brief history of writing. It goes all the way back to 4000BC!	2 mins
Activity – slide 6	Hieroglyphics	Students to have a go at their own version of hieroglyphics and compare.	10 mins
7-9	Calligraphy Basics	It’s so interesting how writing began and how many people still use calligraphy today. Here are some examples. Here are the basics of Calligraphy – try to learn them as they will come in very useful! They are in your booklets.	10 mins
10-13	Activity - Basics	Pupils are to undertake activities involving upward and downward strokes, using an assortment of pens available (school / tutors) on lined paper.	5 mins

		<i>How easy did you find that? How does your version look? It's not easy is it? Calligraphy is all about the strokes you use with the pen.</i>	
14 - 16	Introduction to Letters	This is a more in depth look into how letters are formed.	5 mins
17	Activity	Pupils are to practice, on their own, in using the techniques they have just learned and to write their own full name.	10 mins
18 - 19	Photography & Light Painting	An introduction to Painting with light using Photography.	2 mins
20	Activity	Pupils are to practice, on their own or in groups, to try and take some photographs using Light Painting Techniques. Try some letters with a torch, different strokes.	10 mins
Review		What have we learned today?	5 mins

APPENDICES/EXTRA ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS WHICH ALLOW IPADS AND YOU TUBE VIDEOS

VIDEO	Photography	Let's have a quick look at Calligraphy and how it started and how people use it now. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KvWa177pwo (3 mins)	5mins
VIDEO	The History of Writing	But first, let's learn about how <i>writing</i> came about in the first place. We need to go back many, many years... https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyjLt_RGEww&t=53s <i>THIS IS VERY CHILD FRIENDLY, A GOOD INTRODUCTION TO WRITING IN GENERAL (although long - 7 mins)</i>	7 mins
ACTIVITY	Google Research	Find some examples of early writing and hieroglyphics.	10 mins
Video explaining strokes (ONLY FIRST 52 SECONDS)		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jzlx9TMCsVA&t=58s	5 mins