

Promoting intangible cultural heritage for educators to reinforce education for sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific Region

Pilot country: Pakistan

Topic of the Lesson: Art techniques of the Sultans of Dehli Grade: 8 Teacher: Mr Muhammad Wasim Shahid Subject: History ICH element: Calligraphy ESD principle: Respect for collective memory and experience Duration: 45 minutes

Objectives:

- To encourage appreciation for local intangible cultural heritage and make students aware of the elements threatening the survival of this cultural heritage.
- To develop an understanding among students of the evolution of arts and crafts associated with cultural heritage
- To create awareness among students of the art of calligraphy, cultural mapping and music of the Sultans of Delhi.
- To develop an understanding among students of Muslim cultural heritage.

Materials Required:

- Drawing sheets
- Audio players
- Mobile phone memory cards

Method:

Classroom lecture commencing with assessment of students' prior knowledge and appreciation of what they share followed by class work and home assignment.

Activities:

- 1. Use audio-visual aids to educate students on the concepts of calligraphy and various styles in Islamic calligraphy.
- 2. Make students aware of the importance of safeguarding their cultural heritage and means to safeguard them.
- Make students aware of the prominent contributors artists, musicians, calligraphers – towards the advancement of the arts, music and architecture of the Muslim era of Delhi.
- 4. Invite an *ustad* to give lecture and give a demonstration of calligraphy.

Class assignment:

Students work on their workbooks using *qalam* and ink to write the Kufic script alphabet.

Home assignment:

Students research old newspapers and magazines to find samples of calligraphy and bring the clippings to class. They also identify the various styles used in the samples / clippings.

Field trip:

Site visit to Lahore Museum to view samples of ancient calligraphy and manuscripts.