
UNIT: Furniture

LESSON: Types of Furniture

COMPETENCIES:

Students will identify various types of furniture.

OVERVIEW/SUMMARY:

There are many different types of furniture, such as sofas, chairs, beds, etc. Within each type of furniture, there are many styles of furniture. An interior designer must be familiar with the types and styles of furniture available to their clients.

MOTIVATOR:

Have students identify the oldest piece of furniture they have in their homes. Let them describe the piece of furniture and its special features or history. Discuss the feelings that furniture evokes.

LESSON OPTIONS/SUPPLIES:

OPTION 1

EXERCISE: Students will identify furniture types with definitions and/or sketches of the furniture (see transparencies of "FURNITURE TYPES" and "TERMS").

OPTION 2

FIELD TRIP: Take students to a furniture store find the furniture listed on the "FURNITURE SCAVENGER HUNT".

OPTION 3

ACTIVITY: Have students design a chair. They should draw the chair, give it a name, and explain what inspired their particular design. If materials and tools are available, students could actually construct the chair. If you have ambitious students, they may wish to design an entire line of furniture.

OPTION 4

SLIDE PRESENTATION: "Styles of American Furniture", Learning Seed, #117SL, \$69.00, 1-800-634-4941.

RESOURCES:

Furniture Catalogs

Crate and Barrel, 1-800-323-5461

This End Up, 1-800-627-5161

Ethan Allen, 1-800-162-2971

Pottery Barn, 1-800-922-5507

Speigel, 1-800-345-4500
