

## First Grade

### Title: "Head of Man" (1922)

### Artist: Paul Klee (1879-1940) Switzerland

#### EALR'S: Arts

1.1.1- Understands art concepts and vocabulary, line, texture, color, value, shapes- geometric shapes (triangle, diamond, square....) and organic shapes, (curvy, natural look, flowing).

1.2-Understands art concepts and vocabulary, principals of organization. (Balance, proportion, movement.....).

1.3-Understands and applies art styles from various artists' cultures and times.

1.4-Applies audience skills in a variety of art settings and performances.

2.1-Applies a creative process in the arts.

2.3-Applies a responding process to an arts presentation.

3.1-Uses the arts to express and present ideas and feeling.

3.2-Uses the arts to communicate for a specific purpose.

3.3-Develops personal aesthetic criteria to communicate artistic choices.

4.2-Demonstrates and analyzes the connections between the arts and other content areas.

4.3-Understands how the arts impact lifelong choices.

4.4-Understand that the arts shape and reflect culture and history.

**Text:** This is a painting full of contrasts. The play of straight and curved lines, of rectangles and circles, and of light and dark forms on an orange-yellow background gives this painting an abstract quality characteristic of Klee's work. Because all parts of the image are arranged to create a simple design it is evident that Klee's main concern is color and form.

#### Questions:

1. Is this a portrait? (Yes, it is typical of Klee's style-more like a doodle. This is an unusual rendition of a portrait).
2. What shapes do you see? (The planes of the face have been broken down into very basic geometric shapes).
3. Is this a "warm" color mood? (Yes, this painting is done primarily in shades of orange (secondary color) with its primary colors of red and yellow used for accents).
4. Can you do a painting of a person like this one? (This project is fun to try by drawing and painting in geometric shapes with colors. You can also cut out the shapes and paste them together to make a face).