Art Exercise:

## Group grid mural activity with positive and negative expression

This art exercise is for elementary grade levels and is designed to be completed cooperatively by a class of up to 30 students. This art exercise aligns with the Ontario Visual Arts Curriculum. Before beginning, watch the video entitled, "**Critical Thinking and Self Expression**" in the **Videos** section of this web site.


























































































































































Colour this square. Use elements of design (colours, lines, shapes, forms, textures and space) to create <i>non-representational</i> designs and patterns. Do not use words, pictures or
symbols. Create a <i>negative</i> feeling for your artwork by choosing your elements of design
carefully. A <i>negative</i> feeling in artwork is usually created with: 1) colours that are dull and
dark; 2) shapes and lines that are jagged and rough; and, 3) textures that are coarse and
rough. When you have finished colouring, cut out your square and add it to the group grid
for <i>negative</i> expression. Be sure to match your square to the correct space using the
number and letter at the top of this page. Be sure to orient your square with the arrow
pointing up. When all of the squares have been added a secret message will be revealed.













