

# Jefferson's Gardens: A Landscape of Opportunities: Section 4- The Art of Calligraphy

## General

### Grade Level

Middle School

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### Type of Lesson

Hands-on

### Duration

Up to 1 month

### Interdisciplinary Connections

This unit correlates with English/Language Arts, Science, Social Studies curricula and Humanities curricula.

## Objectives

### Overview

Students will learn the art of beautiful handwriting used in our nation's historical documents and everyday writing in the 17th and 18th centuries.

## Prior Knowledge

Students will be provided with information on the art of calligraphy during Jefferson's and our founding fathers' era.

## State Standards

PA Core Standards: Reading in History & Social Studies (6-8); Reading Informational Texts: CC.8.5.6-8.A,B,D-G,J; Writing in History & Social Studies (6-8); CC.8.6.6-8.A-I.

## Objectives/Learning Outcomes

Students will learn calligraphy which can be utilized in projects in the unit "Jefferson's Gardens: A Landscape of Opportunities" as well as other school projects.

## Technology Connections/outcomes

This section is coordinated with the following sections: Jefferson's Gardens: A Landscape of Opportunities: Introduction to Project-Based Learning and Instructions to the Unit, as well as:

Lesson 1 – A Perpetuating Flower Garden

Lesson 2 – An Experimental Vegetable Garden

Lesson 3 – Jefferson: Creating Personal Space for Self-Reflection

## Additional Learning Outcomes

Students will gain an appreciation of the importance of handwriting in historical documents.

## Procedures

1. See PowerPoint "Art of Calligraphy" under "Handouts and Downloads" and Video of Calligraphy Demonstration under "Websites."

## Related Assets

### Handouts and Downloads

- [Art of Calligraphy – powerpoint presentation](#)

## Materials

### Materials Needed

See the video under "Website": Writing with a Quill Pen

Browse "Primary Documents & Jefferson Writings" for more information.

## Assessment

