



## This Module Contains

**Engaging PowerPoint:** A PowerPoint will guide you and your students through explorations and discoveries both virtually and in the classroom. Curriculum connections, resource links, extension and adaptation options, and hands-on activities with materials lists are included. Hyperlinks are embedded on slides to seamlessly access online activities, digital resources, works of art, and learning games. [Click here to access the image at mfah.org.](#)

**Empowering resources:** Inquiry-based learning PDFs are in the resources packet for easy download. Quality literature connections are included.

**Equipping strategies:** Higher-order thinking skills, habits of mind, and blended-learning tools are included in all lessons. Check the notes section below each PowerPoint teachers' guide for additional information.

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Engaging PowerPoint: MFAH Learning Through Art: *Incense Burner (incensario) Lid* contains all of the following lesson components:

- Observation techniques for discovering the work of art
- Inquiry-based activities
- Detailed lessons for art, math, science, social studies, and language arts (Look for the specific subject-area icon on slides to quickly find the curriculum connections.)



- Hyperlinks to digital resources and mfah.org in the teachers' guide

## Empowering Resources

These resources are referenced in the PowerPoint and in specific descriptions of engagement methods in the teachers' guide. Download the following activity sheets included in the packet.

- See, Think, Wonder
- Making Thinking Visible: WMYST
- Creating Convection Investigation
- Materiality: Search and See and Make a New Discovery
- MFAH Poetry Unit: Shape Poem
- Be a Problem Solver

These related literature connections are also referenced in the teachers' guide, which includes hyperlinks to learn more. Check your school or local library for these books!

- *Feathered Serpent and the Five Suns* by Duncan Tonatiuh
- *Musicians of the Sun* by Gerald McDermott
- *The Hummingbird King* by Palacios
- *Who's Buying, Who's Selling?* by Jennifer Larson
- *Aztec, Inca, and Maya* by DK Eyewitness Books
- *Teotihuacan: Designing an Ancient Mexican City, Calculating Perimeters and Areas of Squares and Rectangles (Powermath)* by Lynn George

## Equipping Strategies

Click on the following links for extensions to the lessons:

[Google Arts and Culture Story: Latino Experience in the USA](#)

[Google Earth: San Juan Teotihuacan](#)

[Discussion questions online at Conversation Starters on mfah.org](#)

[Science Lesson: Creating a Dichotomous Key on mfah.org](#)

[Language Arts Lesson: Understanding Nahuatl Traditions on mfah.org](#)

[Social Studies Lesson: Teotihuacán, Then and Now on mfah.org](#)

[Art Lesson: Working with Clay on mfah.org](#)

[Brainpop: Heat](#)

[Teotihuacan: City of Gods Game \(needs to be purchased\)](#)

## Materials List

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### Create an Incense Burner Lid

Milk carton  
Construction paper, Play-Doh, model magic, or clay  
Scissors  
Elmer's glue or tacky glue  
Various craft supplies:  
pipe cleaners, buttons, bottle caps, craft stamps, cupcake liners, etc.

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### Creating Convection Investigation

Shoe box  
2 empty toilet paper rolls  
Plastic wrap  
Tape  
Candle  
Incense cones  
Ice  
Shallow dish/petri dish  
Candle lighter

Create your own work of art and share with us on Instagram by tagging us **#LearningThroughArtMFAH**.

Remember to tag your school or district!

Looking for additional resources?

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and [mfah.org/ltahome](http://mfah.org/ltahome).

Questions? Send us an email:  
[teachers@mfah.org](mailto:teachers@mfah.org).

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Front: Teotihuacan, *Incense Burner (incensario) Lid*, 150–650 AD, earthenware with slip and traces of polychrome pigment, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Museum purchase funded by Brown Foundation Accessions Endowment Fund, 97.113.A.,B.