



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.](http://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: John Biggers's *Jubilee: Ghana Harvest Festival* 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.

- Smart Science
- Celebrating Holidays
- Biggers and Historical Figures
- Minute to Win It
- PBL/STEAM Boat
- PBL/STEAM Chair
- PBL/STEAM Instrument
- PBL/STEAM Shade Structure
- Be a Problem Solver
- Sketching Warm-Ups
- Read, Research, and Reflect
- Nouns All Around, Verb That's What You Do
- Conversation Inspiration
- Kente Colors and Their Meanings
- ScARTeggories
- The Big Message from John Biggers
- The View
- John Biggers and Me
- The Feldman Model
- Analyzing Art
- Top Ten Tools for ELLs
- Question Stems

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

- *Walls That Speak: The Murals of John Thomas Biggers* by Olive Thiessen
- *Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti* by Margaret Musgrove
- *The Spider Weaver: A Legend of Kente Cloth* by Margaret Musgrove
- *Kente Colors* by Debbie Chocolate
- *Why Mosquitos Buzz in People's Ears: A West African Tale* by Verna Aardema
- *Africa Is Not a Country* by Margy Burns Knight
- *Ashante to Zulu: African Traditions* by Leo and Dianne Dillon
- *The Leopard's Drum: An Asante Tale from West Africa* by Jessica Souhami
- *Harvest Festivals Around the World* by Judith Corwin
- *One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference* by Katie Milway
- *Going to Ghana (Ana & Andrew)* by Christine Platt
- *Colors of Ghana* by Holly Littlefield (Ebook)

Equipping Strategies

Click on the following link for extensions to the lessons:

[youtube.com/watch?v=J_LViY7aw4E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J_LViY7aw4E)

Listen and watch a sample of Akan music. How does hearing this music sample affect your view of *Jubilee: Ghana Harvest Festival*?

[Saving Iconic Mural by Most Famous Historic African American Artist Dr John Biggers](#)

[Download/Access image of *Jubilee: Ghana Harvest Festival* at mfah.org](#)

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

[Art Lesson: Painting the Past at mfah.org](#)

[Social Studies Lesson: Writing a Family History at mfah.org](#)

[Math Lesson: Writing Story Problems at mfah.org](#)

[ELA Lesson: Writing Plays at mfah.org](#)

[African Kente Cloth, Ewe peoples at mfah.org](#)

[Kente Cloth Traditions of Ghana Youtube](#)

[Maya Angelou- Reading 'Human Family'](#)

Materials List

Create a Collaborative Cultural Mural

Paints
Brushes
Construction paper, heavy art paper, computer paper
Cups for water
Pencils
Glue sticks
Colored pencils or crayons
Photograph or image from Smartphone

Kente Cloth

9 x 12 in. construction paper
Pencils
Crayons, paint, markers
Scissors

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?

Visit [lta.mfah.org](https://www.lta.mfah.org)
and [mfah.org/Itahome](https://www.mfah.org/Itahome).

Questions? Send us an email:
teachers@mfah.org.

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