

## Series F, 1st Qtr, Week 1: Your Art Class and the Garnet Triangle

This series of Lessons revolves around the birthstone of the month with each stone having a particular shape for that month.

January's birthstone is the Garnet which is a deep red orange maroon color and signifies the love, passion, and energy of January birthdays. The shape for January is a triangle. The triangle is a geometrical shape. There are scalene triangles with all sides different lengths, equilateral triangles with equal sides, acute triangles with all angles less than 90, right triangles where one angle is 90, and an obtuse triangle where one angle is more than 90. A pyramid is formed with a square base and four triangle sides. Pyramids have been constructed all over the world as sacred burial tombs. In art the golden triangle refers to the composition. Your Art Class can enjoy the magic of the triangle.

Copy one of the black and white drawings on to cardstock or draw your own triangle garnet stone. The triangular design of the stone is the important feature.

Music Suggestion: Listen to the instrumental award winning theme from the movie "Love Story" by Orchester Anthony Ventura. Patti Paige sang "You Belong to Me" with "see the pyramids along the Nile." Rodd Stewart also recorded the song. Patsy Cline recorded a song titled "Tra le la le la Triangle."

Enrichment: The "Mona Lisa" by Leonardo de Vinci is in the golden triangle shape so check it out. Yoga art "Maha Kali Yantra" by Bodnicitta Art features the triangle. The antique Pyrope Hair Comb from the Czech Republic is adorned with garnets and is in a collection at the Smithsonian Institution. Your Art Class may want to do a little research into all the pyramids that were built in ancient times.

<u>Aspect of Art</u>: Design: A plan or method of making a pattern, shape, or decoration. The pyramids are designs using triangles.















