**Lesson Title**: El Anatsui: African Found Object

**Time Allotment:** 1.5 hrs

**Lesson Summary:** Students will look at El Anatasui’s work and learn about african adinkra symbols. students will combine and recreate the symbols and create new personal meanings with their symbols. students will use recycled styrofoam to create relief plales and will print.

**What will students DO/ lesson objectives**

Students will use adinkra symbols to inspire their new design

Students will use dull pencils to create design on styrofoam plate

students will create marks and lines to create design

**What will students LEARN?**

Students will understand relief printmaking

Students will understand symbolism

Students will understand use of line to create direction and visual texture

Technical Knowledge:

KEY art works, artists, artifacts

El Anatsui “When I last wrote to you about Africa”

<http://www.africanart.org/uploads/resources/docs/el_anatsui_educators_guide.pdf>

“God’s Omnipotence”

“When I last wrote to you … II”

**Questions:**

*black and white engraving-*

what do you notice?

how do you think it was made?

do you recognize the symbols?

what do you think the symbols stand for?

how are these symbols different/same from symbols we use everyday (like in math class, or when writing)?

how was texture created in thsi piece? is there texture

TEXTURE- how the surface looks and/or feels

bowl

how is this different than previous work?

what do you notice about the texture?

how was texture created?

why do you think the artist repeats lines?

Materials and Resources

- styrofoam (small pieces, preferably recycled)

- pencils

- adinkra print outs

- plexi glass or large aluminum tray for tempera paint

- newspaper

- construction paper, preferably black

- ink pads

TIME

2- snack

210- discuss El Anatsui and look at art work

220- demonstrate project

230- students start working

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adinkra symbols

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