

## ARTSEdge Mission Statement:

Through the creative use of technology, ARTSEdge designs and delivers lessons, interactives and multimedia arts experiences that enhance the K-12 educational environment. Offering arts-integrated, standards-based teaching materials, immersive, media-rich interactives for use in and out of the classroom, professional development resources, and guidelines for arts-based instruction and assessment, ARTSEdge hopes to engage, educate and inspire our nation's teachers and young people in, through and about the arts.

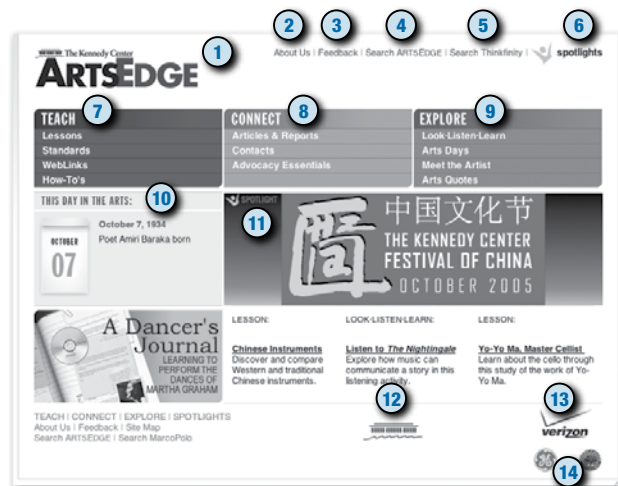
## Using ARTSEdge

From the Thinkfinity homepage, click on the Partner site logo, or type [www.artsedge.kennedy-center.org](http://www.artsedge.kennedy-center.org) into the address line of your Web browser, and click Enter or press Return.

The ARTSEdge homepage appears.

The following numbered list corresponds to the screenshot on the right showing the features of the homepage.

- 1 Visit **ARTSEdge** for arts integration resources within all subject areas and grade levels.
- 2 Read **About Us** to learn about ARTSEdge's history and mission. Find out how you can submit lessons.
- 3 Contact us to offer **Feedback** that will help improve the site.
- 4 **Search ARTSEdge** resources by content type and arts subject.
- 5 Use **Search Thinkfinity** to search ARTSEdge and all Thinkfinity Partner sites.
- 6 Explore the **Spotlights** archive to find collections highlighting ARTSEdge resources devoted to a particular theme.
- 7 Explore the **Teach** section for arts-integrated lesson plans, the National Standards for Art Education, reviewed WebLinks and How-To's that help bring the arts into the classroom.
- 8 The **Connect** section gives users access to ideas, tools and people that support the role of the arts in education.
- 9 The **Explore** section is a collection of multimedia interactive, media-rich activities to help teachers and students discover the world of the arts, in both integrated and "arts for arts sake" approaches.
- 10 **Arts Days** provides a daily calendar of notable people and events in the arts.
- 11 The **Featured Spotlight** brings increased visibility to a selected collection and gives easy access to the resources it contains.
- 12 Access the **Kennedy Center** homepage.
- 13 Access the **Verizon Foundation** site.
- 14 ARTSEdge is also supported by the **GE Fund** and the **US Department of Education**.



## About the Kennedy Center's Education Department

As America's national center for the performing arts, The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts is committed to arts education. Through programs for the local community and across the nation, the Kennedy Center's Education Department directly serves more than 11 million people.

Much of the work of the Kennedy Center's Education Department is based on the principle that the arts<sup>1</sup> are essential disciplines that must be included in the core curriculum.<sup>2</sup> When the arts are included, they have the ability to transform the learning environment and positively impact student learning.

1. The term "arts" includes music, visual arts, dance / creative movement, drama / theater, poetry, creative writing, puppetry, storytelling, media arts and folk arts.  
 2. The US Department of Education has recognized the arts as "core subject areas" in the 2002 reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).