

# ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAM

# LESSON PLAN

## LEO CARRILLO CALIFORNIA HISTORY & ART PROGRAM

### Writing Component

**PROJECT TITLE:** “La Golondrina” Inspired Acrostic Poem

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Students will create an acrostic poem to complement their Guitar work of art. The poem will be inspired by the personal theme or topic they chose to use in their artwork.

#### **STEP 1:**

What is an acrostic poem? An acrostic poem is a poem where certain letters of each line spell out a topic word, phrase, or message. Typically, the topic word or phrase is written vertically, and the first letters of each line are used to spell the message, but the letters can appear anywhere in the poem.

In Spanish, the lyrics of the Mexican folksong “La Golondrina” by Narcisco Serradell Sevilla create an acrostic poem.

The first letter of each line in the lyrics spell out a romantic hidden message: “Al Objeto De Mi Amor” which means “To the Object of my Love” (see below).

**A** dónde irá, veloz y fatigada,

**L**a golondrina que de aquí se va?

**O**h, si en el viento se hallara extraviada

**B**uscando abrigo sin poderlo hallar!

**J**unto a mi lecho le pondré su nido

**E**n donde pueda la estación pasar.

**T**ambién yo estoy en la región perdido,

**O**h, cielo santo!, y sin poder volar.

**D**ejé también mi patria idolatrada,

**E**sa mansión que me miró nacer.

**MI** vida es hoy errante y angustiada  
y ya no puedo a mi mansión volver.

**A**ve querida, amada peregrina,

**Mi** corazón al tuyo acercaré,

**O**iré tu canto, tierna golondrina,

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**R**ecordaré mi patria y lloraré.

### **STEP 2:**

Take a moment and observe your Spanish Guitar work of art. Think about the topic or theme that inspired the illustration and imagery you created on the collaged body of the Spanish guitar. What do you notice? What stands out to you? What does it make you think of?

Make a list of descriptive phrases or words that relate to your theme or idea. Choose the phrase or word you like best. On a separate piece of paper, write the word or phrase you chose vertically. Use the letters of the phrase or word to write an acrostic poem that is connected to your work of art.

*Example Topic or Theme: "Peaceful Gardening"*

*Example Acrostic Poem:*

**P**lanting flowers,

**E**arly in the day.

**A** gentle breeze,

**C**ools the air.

**E**very petal unfolds,

**F**ull of life.

**U**nder the soft sun...

**L**avender,

**G**ardenias,

**A**gapanthus,

**R**anunculus,

**D**aisies.

**E**very flora is stunning,

**N**one are unnoticed.

**I** breathe in the fragrance,

**N**atural beauty everywhere.

**G**rand day in the garden.