

ACTIVITY GUIDE

**Ernest Miller - Ceramics**

**Objectives:** Ernest Miller is constantly striving to create the “perfect” vessel. Discuss the idea of perfection and how it applies to the world of art.

**Tools/Resources:** Pen and paper.



**Video Clip:** <http://www.tpt.org/mn-original/episode/ernest-miller/>

**Activity**

- 1) Watch the segment and discuss:
  - a. Miller shares that he is trying to make the perfect vessel and that, once he’s achieved it, he may be done throwing pots.
    - i. What does perfection look like and is it possible?
    - ii. Are you chasing perfection in your own life? How?
  - b. Miller shares an example of an “unsuccessful” cup he created.
    - i. Did it look unsuccessful to you?
    - ii. Who defines what is or isn’t a successful work of art?