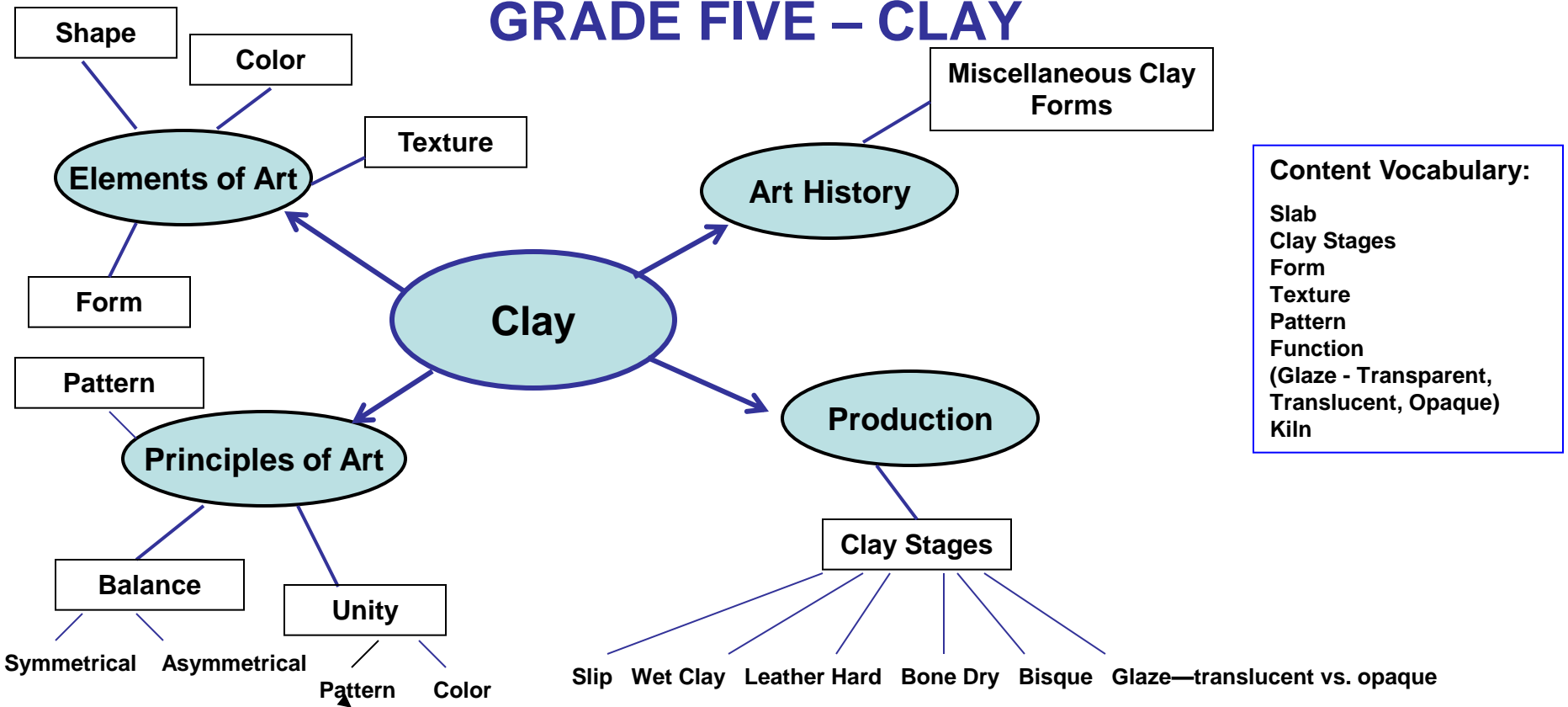


# ART GRADE FIVE – CLAY



## Essential Understandings/Questions:

- Clay holds water and water evaporates. If the clay is exposed to the air, it will first become leather hard and then bone dry.
- Clay can be “cooked” or hardened in an “oven” called a kiln.
- Shapes have only length and width (2-D).
- Forms have length, width and depth (3-D).
- Coils can be rolled with the palms on a flat surface and look like snakes.
- Slabs are flat pieces of clay usually made with a rolling pin.
- Pinch pots begin as spheres and then you poke a hole with your thumb. Using your thumb and fingers, gently pinch the edges until the walls are a desired thickness. Don’t forget to turn as you pinch.
- Patterns and textures can be made when the clay is wet by pressing objects into the clay.