

Great art picks up where nature ends

3rd Grade

Project Description:

Students will be creating their surrealist piece of artwork based on the art of Marc Chagall and following the instructions of the teacher. Students will be concerned with several different elements, specifically color as Chagall used it: bright and vibrant.

Project Rationale:

Students should be exposed to the history of art including the great painters of different eras. Students will be learning about surrealism and Marc Chagall. They will also be using a new technique to create this artwork, one that they may have never used before.

Objective: By studying the art and style of Marc Chagall, students will create a surreal piece of art representing themselves and their surroundings and illustrating Chagall's quote, "Great art picks up where nature ends".

Materials:

18"X24" Paper
Oil Pastels

Procedures:

1. Introduce students to the art and style of Chagall, engaging them in discussion about his work, and use of intense color to create a dreamlike effect.
2. Instruct students to write, "Great art picks up where nature ends" around the perimeter of their papers.
3. Using a black oil pastel, have students draw a house, then turn their papers, and draw themselves holding something they like, turn the papers again and draw trees and/or flowers, have them include a sun or moon with a face.
4. Once their paper is filled, they may render their illustrations with oil pastels taking care to use lots of intense color just like Chagall.