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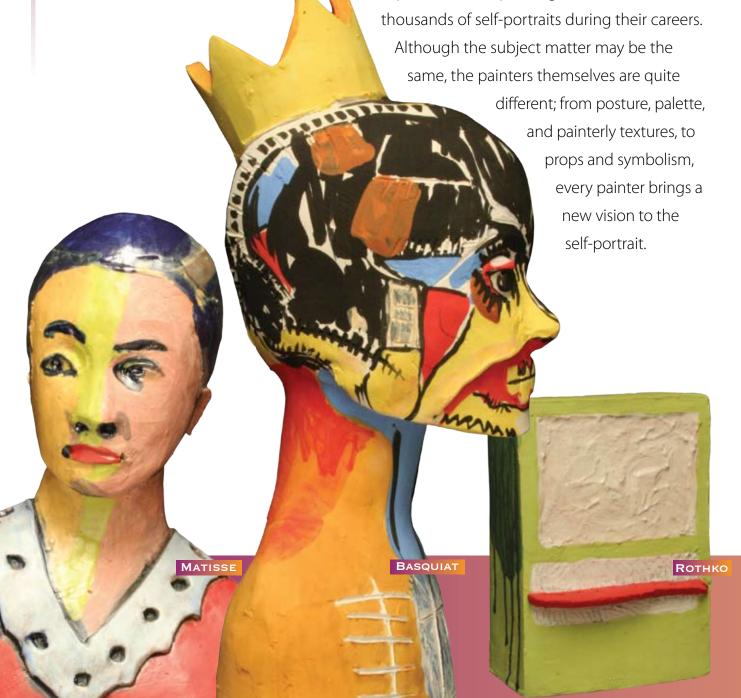
SELF-PORTRAIT AS A FAMOUS ARTIST

Creating ceramic figurative sculpture using slabs and coils

by Cara Moczygemba

tradition as many artists discovered that the one model they could always count on was themselves. Rembrandt and Van Gogh are both well-known self-portrait artists, painting hundreds if not Although the subject matter may be the same, the painters themselves are quite and painterly textures, to props and symbolism, every painter brings a

Self-portraiture is prevalent in the Art History











Lesson Goals and Objectives:

- Construct and sculpt a hollow bust out of clay using self to create naturalistic features.
- Translate concepts and styles of 2-D artists onto 3-D forms.
- Layer underglazes and glazes to create expressive sculptural surfaces.

Standards/Learning:

- Meets National Standards 1, 2 and 4
- This project is appropriate for advanced middle school, and 9th to 12th grade students.
- Art history awareness and research skill development.
- Structural problem-solving, building a hollow ceramic form without collapsing.

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- AMACO® Velvet Underglazes and assorted glazes
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- Brushes
- Joining and texture tools
- · Spray bottle
- Plastic to wrap work in progress

Instructions:

- 1. Busts should be constructed with the artists' styles and the preliminary sketches in mind.
- 2. Start construction by cutting a flat slab base to the desired contour and size. Cut a 1" round hole in its center for air to escape.

- 3. Build the sides of the form up using either slabs or coils, or a combination of both. Always "stitch" or mesh seams together well.
- 4. Shape the torso by adding slabs or coils and coaxing the walls while supporting with the other hand.
- 5. To create the shoulders and neck, construct internal structures to help support the weight through construction and firing.
- 6. Build the neck as a tube and attach the chin as a "chevron" tilted up.
- 7. Once the neck has set up enough to support the weight of the head, continue to build up until reaching the hairline. At this point, before enclosing the head, the features should be modeled and sculpted. Push out the eyebrows and nose from the inside. Cut an upside down "T" starting at the top of the nose, and then add a strip of clay to create the desired size and shape.
- 8. After the features have all been completed, close up the head by building it a little pointier than desired, then seal it up tightly. Gently paddle into shape.
- Sculpt the shape of the hair, and texture with whichever tools seem appropriate. Texture the outside of the bust if desired although it is best to texture or add elements while building.
- Velvet Underglazes may be applied to the bust before bisque firing as an "under painting" or for final decoration.
- 11. Allow the sculptures to dry slowly and evenly before bisque firing to cone 04.
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- 13. Glaze fire to Cone 05.

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As the school year winds down and summer plans

heat up, there are abundant opportunities for you to shower your art students with success, all the way to September.

June is a traditional time to determine what's been learned, as seen in Karen Skophammer's "Visualizing Vocabulary" (page 17). In this end-of-year review, students must demonstrate an understanding of vocabulary, explain how it is important to the visual arts, and use the words in a work of art. With this project, Karen finds her middle-school students asking when they'll "do" vocabulary again! Writes Karen, "If you want to take the 'drudgery' out of vocabulary reviews and really instill the language of art in students, try these methods."

It's no secret, school children get excited about the

approach of summer. "A Bear for All Seasons" (page 18) channels that energy into whimsical watercolors that go beyond the typical seasonal depictions. Teddy bears, according to Cheryl Crumpecker, "provide an easy starting point, yet leave plenty of room for creativity." Students choose the season to portray, and pose their bears participating seasonal activities. As you might guess, summer proved to be the most popular choice!

Moving on to secondary school is a milestone in an eighth-grader's life, and "Coming of Age: Transitioning from Middle School to High School" (page 28) helps make it all the more memorable. This project provides the creative opportunity for students to reflect on who they are, and their hopes and aspirations. Writes author Sandra Elser Ciminero, it "examines the big idea of identity and promotes the move from self-reflection to self-expression."

High-school students will surely enjoy "Comic Book

Confidential" (page 30). When Irv Osterer told his senior graphic-design class their summative project was to invent their own superheroes—complete with mythology, costume and comic book—he writes that they "happily embraced" the assignment. This project raised students' awareness of the elements appearing on comic-book covers, and challenged them to create a completely new superhero (or overhaul an existing one). Using Adobe Photoshop, they dealt with keyline art and learned how to digitally ink and fill an image. They worked in a painterly style, and learned how to render and creatively manipulate type in Photoshop.

Embrace this time of year and shower your students with meaningful art experiences. With your talent, power and skill—and the

ideas found in this issue—you all will be dancing

in the creative rain all the way to September.

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which allows you time to photograph a project you've already tried or will be trying as the new school year begins in September.

CLICK CLICK! Photography for Children (2011; \$14.95), by George Sullivan. Prestel Publishing.

Don't let the pedestrian cover of this book fool you. Inside is an edifying, informative resource printed on heavyweight paper. Although there's nothing new about the suggested projects, the numerous tips are helpful and the images are sublime.

The prolific author (he has written over 100 books for young readers) includes information about master photographers Ansel Adams, Walker Evans, Lewis Hine and other principal figures. He shares quotes as well as insights into their lives and their work.

Teachers at the middle- and highschool levels will most appreciate this hardcover book. It is 96 pages long, and includes an instructive section on the pinhole camera. Too, there's a chapter covering the history of photography and the men credited with inventing it. Among the 130 illustrations are those photos documenting key events in time, e. g. first flight, first atomic explosion and so on.

One of the more enjoyable projects a photography teacher can schedule is to book a computer lab and ask the class to work at a photo-editing site online. Sullivan makes brief mention of the many free, fun sites available.—P. G.

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WIDENESS AND WONDER: The Art and Life of Georgia O'Keeffe (2011; \$16.99), by Susan Goldman Rubin. Chronicle Books.

She hated publicity and considered herself "a lucky person." Georgia O'Keeffe certainly was that, living a long and marvelous life. Most of us are famil-

iar with her iconic paintings of large flowers and the Southwest, but most of us don't know the story as told here. Too, we may remember her appearance as an older woman; the serious-looking portrait of a Wisconsin farm girl in this little book surely will stay with us.

Just 6.5" x 8.25" and only 112 pages long. This reviewer read the book coverto-cover, feasting on the full-color reproductions and the fascinating vignettes from another time. To use a non-word, it was *un-put-downable*. The title is taken from a quotation of the artist herself, and the story comes to riveting life with recollections in her own words and those of many others. One striking example: O'Keeffe vividly relates her first meeting with Alfred Stieglitz.

O'Keeffe was a mischievous young girl, which presaged scandalous behavior to come. She was an unusual creature, unique, original, even ascetic. As was her work. Beginning with images you may never have seen—personal family photos and early drawings—the book details the artist's first exhibit, her career as an art teacher, and her transformation into a beloved and important painter.

The hardcover can be enjoyed by anyone aged 9 and up. Its author, Susan Goldman Rubin, has written numerous nonfiction books for children.—P.G.

www.chroniclebooks.com

LANDSCAPE PAINTING: Essential Concepts and Techniques for Plein Air and Studio Practice (2009; \$35), by Mitchell Albala. Watson-Guptill Publications.

Plein air, French for "open air," refers to painting outdoors. Nature is so very complex, so varied, that artists must delve deeply into technique and process to become truly successful landscape painters.

In his introduction, author/artist Mitchell Albala discusses the challenges of such subject matter. He believes in direct observation and in creating the illusion, on canvas, of depth and natural light. While



he embraces realism, he deals with abstraction as well. Albala is an oil painter, so many of the processes in his book are oil-based, but he addresses alkyds and acrylics too.

Instructors of high-school painters can surely use, as three separate lessons, the shape and mass exercises in the book. Too, they can employ the section on digital effects as tools to benefit painters.

One of the great messages in this valuable resource is the importance of observing rather than imitating. Interpreting rather than copying. "Don't let a photo become a crutch," the author writes. There are knowledgeable quotations throughout the book, and sidebars with helpful advice. Back matter includes a glossary.

At 192 pages, the hardcover boasts 230 illustrations, many full-page (and many more are smaller). You'll also

find numerous color charts, value scales and diagrams.-P. G.

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LIGHT DESIGNS (2011; \$24.95), by Cecil Simbson. AuthorHouse.

Light-painting or -drawing with flashlights has been known for a long time, but high-school photography teachers will find it a fascinating way to demonstrate timed exposure. Adults will enjoy experimenting with the method, too.

Parts I and II comprise striking symmetrical designs—ellipses, spirals and more. In Part I, Simpson briefly explains his procedure for photographing a swinging point of light from below in a blacked-out room. The many examples boast vibrant, multiple colors on a black background. (The color of the light is changed in mid-orbit.)

Note: If you try this at school or at home, you'll also need a string, a ceiling hook and perhaps a piece of cardboard to slide over the lens while changing colors. We recommend a cable release and a small aperture as well.

The second portion of the softcover book concerns actual line drawings, harmonographic images similar to the previous photographs. They were made with a mechanical rotary device that also employs swinging pendulums. The geometric images shown are dark ink lines on light or bright background paper.

Author Simpson published his gorgeous work through a subsidy publisher, without benefit of a copy editor. He added 12 pages of his own spiritual, devout prose and poems at the end of the book.—P.G.

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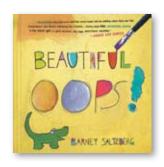
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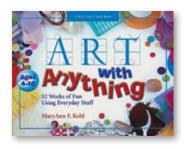
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Stepping Stones is a monthly column that breaks down seemingly daunting tasks in art education into simple, manageable "steps" that any art educator can take and apply directly to their classroom. Stepping Stones will explore a variety of hot topics and research in the field today.

10 Good Reasons to Start a Blog by Jessica Balsley

Then I embarked on a journey to start a blog, I had no I idea it would save my teaching career.

After several years of teaching, I was already burned out. I was caving to the negativity that can often surround education and was just plain tired. I wasn't excited about teaching like I should be. I needed something more.

I needed something to help me remember why I got into this profession in the first place. Writing a blog, connecting with other art teachers and putting myself "out there" was just the ticket!

Since I started my blog two years ago, I haven't looked back. There are so many wonderful reasons to start a blog today!

- GETS YOU EXCITED about trying new projects with your students, because you will be sharing them.
- **INSPIRES YOU** to organize and clean your classroom (blogs have photos, right?).
- CONNECTES YOU to parents and the greater community without the tedious uploading of something like Artsonia, which I do like the concept of, but haven't chosen to make the time for something so detailed. I like the general overview that a blog can give me, while still allowing me to share.
- **HOLDS YOU ACCOUNTABLE** for the things you want to try. Proclaim it on your blog, and you are sure to follow up!
- GIVES YOU SUGGESTIONS and helpful hints from other bloggers and commenters when you are struggling. Blogs don't just help the readers, they can help the writer, too. It's a community that is formed in the blogging world.
- MAKES YOU PROUD of what your art students have accomplished
- GETS YOU BACK INTO A DIALOGUE of professionalism you probably now only get once a year at a state or national conference.

- MAKES YOU FEEL AS THOUGH YOU ARE NOT ALONE. A blog is a place to share your triumphs and trials.
- FAMILIARIZES YOU with new technologies in a nonthreatening and inexpensive way.
- **PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTATION** of your teaching to look back on, and can even be considered a digital teaching portfolio.

Maybe you want to write about your classroom. Maybe you want to help other art educators. Maybe you simply want to share resources you find. Blogging has so many possibilities for you and your students.

I also encourage teachers to think about not just starting a simple blog that has lessons from your classroom, but to think of a more specific theme that is a missing niche in the art-education world.

How about a blog just on art-room management, or perhaps a blog only focused on art and interdisciplinary connections?

"I needed something to help me remember why I got into this profession in the first place."

Art and technology? The possibilities are endless.

I am fortunate enough to now help other art teachers start their own blogs through my online classes, and it's so much fun to see their ideas come to life. The Art of Education now hosts an award for "Art Ed Blog of the Year" and it's so rewarding to give recognition to other bloggers who are putting a lot of their time and energy into the profession to help our community of teachers.

I know the positive impact blogging has had on my teaching, and I hope it can do the same for you, too!

Jessica Balsley is a K-5 art educator and the founder of www.theartofed.com, which offers a wide range of services designed just for art teachers.

ART TEACHERS I HAVE KNOWN

by Jerome J. Hausman

first met Irving Kaufman in 1948. Both World War II veterans, we were enrolled in New York University's arteducation program, under the GI Bill of Rights.

Irv was a painter who later found employment in a Long Island school system. What I recall most was his passionate interest in painting. Through our friendship I came to meet many artists, most notably Edward Hopper, with whom he showed at a New York gallery. Later, he joined the faculty at the University of Michigan, teaching art education.

Kaufman was not comfortable with much that was going on in art education. He put it, "too many of the classroom practices took on amateurish clinical features rather than art studio traits ... the emphasis on process and the rejection of content did not flow logically from an understanding of the In general, history is made up of accounts and analyses that help us understand who we are and how we have come to where we are. Oftentimes, we speak of "the history of art educators," but there's no simple narrative that tells the full story. These are histories. When you come down to it, our history is made up of accounts of people and institutions—their actions and ideas. As the years go by, I frequently pause to think about individuals who've influenced me. These thoughts and memories serve as the basis for this series, "Art Teachers I Have Known."—J.J.H.

through the individual senses, emotions and perceptions."

Irving Kaufman was a frequent contributor to publications of the National Art Education Association. His article "Some Reflections on Research in Art Education" was published in the first issue of *Studies in Art Education* (Fall 1959). He served as a staff member for the Central Atlantic Regional Educational Laboratory (1966–69), was President of the Committee for Art Education and a leader in a number of sponsored conferences on museum education (1970–75). He was the recipient of the Manuel Barkan Award in 1982.

Much more might be written of his professional contributions to the field of art education. More personally, Irv and Mabel were dear friends of mine. In 1968, when my family moved to New York (I had accepted a faculty appointment at

Irving Kaufman

nature of art or its aesthetic ordering ... what was lacking for me was art—art as the subject of art education."

Yet Irv was a passionate and caring teacher. In 1965, he became a faculty member of the City University of New York, teaching in their art education program until his retirement. He was then employed as a part-time faculty member at Teachers College Columbia University.

Along with his wife, Mabel, Irv worked tirelessly as an art educator. Many scholars in our field still see his book Art and Education in Contemporary Culture (Macmillan Collier; 1966) as an important voice. In it, he states his position clearly, "A book about art and the teaching of art skirts pretentiousness for, in a very brave sense, art communicates on its own level, while the successful teaching of art remains a very personal affair. The acts are felt directly

NYU), we chose Scarsdale, N.Y., as our new residence. Our house was within easy walking distance of the Kaufmans', who had moved there a few years earlier. Truly, they were like an aunt and uncle to my three daughters.

In 1975, I was named President of the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. We moved from Scarsdale, and the Kaufmans later moved to East Hampton. We saw each other less frequently, but the warmth of our friendship remained.

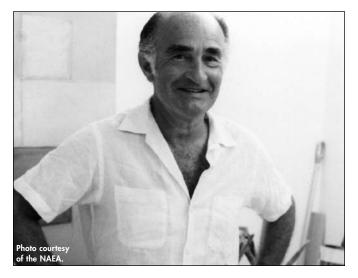
Many years later, I was attending an opening of a New York artist friend in Chicago. I inquired whether he had seen the Kaufmans. "Yes," he said. "I attended Mabel's funeral." I was shocked and called Irv the following day. How sad! 50 years of marriage had come to an abrupt and untimely end. Irv was devastated in his grief. He sent me about 40 poems he wrote in his effort to cope with his loss. Here is one:

"I shut the door for the last time. Alone, resentful; bereft. In the naked yard, last year's hydrangea blossoms, bedraggled.

All those years; days, dimpled with sighs. –Final stalemate. Now the house is haunted. Except for cobwebs,

nothing left."

In the years that followed, my attempts to contact him were met with silence. Others sought to reach him, but to no avail. Without Mabel, he was left in deteriorating health and spent his time visiting their sons. To the best of my knowledge, Irving Kaufman died three years later.



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"Hometown Bank." Colored pencil on blue construction paper; 11" x 8.5".



"Invincible." Colored pencil; 14" x 17".

Young ARTIST

can remember drawing and loving art since the young age of 4. Since then, I have loved learning how to paint, sculpt, draw and create in my middle-school art program. I am inspired by the beauty of nature and the beauty of the human race.



I have learned so much about art in the last three years, and I can't wait to see what the future holds as I learn to be more expressive and creative in my work. Art is my world, and I see it in everything I do.

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Brooklyn Walker, grade 8 Texas Middle School Texarkana, Texas Angela Melde, Art Teacher



"Man." Clay; 6" x 5".



"Gone with the Wind." Mixed media with wallpaper and pencil; 18" x 12".



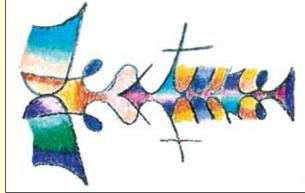
"Through My Eyes." Charcoal; $9" \times 12"$.

isualizing Vocabulary

by Karen Skophammer



ocabulary' can become tedious and a chore if it is approached as such. I try to make art terms and vocabulary meaningful, something the students will remember and use for years to come. In fact, I have students asking when we'll "do" vocabulary again!



Each unit of study, I hand out fluorescent 3" x 5" cards to the students and ask them to write down a vocabulary word from our current unit, and then illustrate the word on the card. These are hung on the wall. For instance, the term might be "three dimensional" and the student may draw a small 3-D box on the card along with the word. Many times the students want to do more than one vocabulary word for the unit.

At the end of a semester, I have found that both of the following vocabulary review projects work wonderfully. Plus, they create great works of art. I have each student choose a vocabulary word from the semester, and then select one of these two ways to illustrate it.

CURSIVE CREATURE RUBBINGS Fold a piece of paper in half vertically, and write the vocabulary word in black crayon in cursive writing on the fold. Then, fold the paper into itself, and rub the crayon word with a wooden spoon, or any other available utensil that will not tear the paper. This rubbing transfers the word to the other side of the paper, creating a mirror image.

Next, the students use crayons to make color blends within the vocabulary word. When the coloring is done, the vocabu-

Elementary and middle-school students will ...

- define vocabulary words and use them in a work of art.
- explain how vocabulary is important to the visual arts.
- demonstrate an understanding of vocabulary.
- reflect upon and evaluate artwork.

MATERIALS

- Index cards
- 12" x 18" white drawing paper
- Crayons and other assorted color media
- Wooden spoons
 - Pencils and pens
- < Paint.



- ∧ Vanishing Point.
- < Texture.

lary word looks like a bug or creature. (When the words are hung up, it's fun for the students to see if they can discern what the other students' vocabulary

words are, which is a good review.)

Lastly, have the student turn the completed work of art over and define the term on the back of the paper.

BUBBLING BODIES OF WORDS Write the vocabulary word in block or bubble letters that connect in the center of a 12" x 18" piece of paper. Draw the letters quite large. When the word is complete, follow the contour of the word until you hit the edge of the paper and can't draw anymore. Then, choosing colors and patterns, color the word and designs. The result is an amazing, vibrating piece of artwork.

You may also turn over these works of art and define the word on the backside. The words are then displayed, and other students discuss and review the vocabulary words, instead of taking a formal test.

If you want to take the "drudgery" out of vocabulary reviews and really instill the language of art in students, try these methods. They're a big hit, and you don't have any trouble getting the students to review!

Karen Skophammer is an art instructor for Manson Northwest Webster School in Barnum and Manson, Iowa.

When asking my students to illustrate different types of weather, invariably their paintings look like nonobjective artwork: Winter often becomes one snowman with hundreds of asterisk snowflakes scattered throughout the picture. Spring? A rainbow with smiley-faced suns. You get the picture.

Having my students paint or draw seasons by depicting trees in various stages of growth also proved unsatisfactory. All of these projects look remarkably similar, showing very little effort, thought or creativity—not to mention they are not very fun. Perhaps this type of tree project would best be left to the science teacher's classroom illustration.

So, in what direction could I lead my students that would provide an easy starting point, yet leave room for creativity?

Teddy bears, of course, proved to be the perfect answer! They are easy to draw and are liked by all ages. Not only that; years ago, I purchased 25 identical, stuffed, jointed teddy bears that can strike any pose. With the help of doll stands they can remain upright, bend over or even stand on their heads.

After a discussion of things that could be drawn to indicate various seasons—such as clothing, weather, holidays, sporting events and more—each student should decide which season they wish to feature. After making that decision, they should pose the bear as if it was participating in a seasonal activity, such as reaching out to rake leaves, stretching its arms up to put star on a Christmas tree, arms out pushing a lawn mower, lying down looking up at fireworks and more.

The bears should be drawn first, then dressed in weather-appropriate attire—with accessories—to capture the center of interest. The artwork may include seasons, but the subject is the bear. For example, a bear could be dressed in a raincoat with galoshes, holding an umbrella and splashing in puddles.



A Bear for by Cheryl Crumpecker all Seasons

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Elementary students will ...

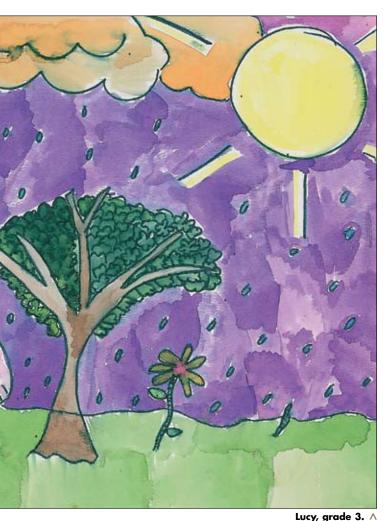
- draw a teddy bear from observation using contour lines.
- use a teddy bear as the center of interest.
- create a piece of narrative art.
- depict seasons through use of weather, clothing and activity.
- use a controlled amount of watercolor.

MATERIALS

- Thin black water-soluble markers
- 12" x 14" watercolor paper
- Stuffed bears for observation
- Doll stands (optional)
- Watered-down tempera or liquid watercolors
- Miscellaneous watercolor supplies



McKenna, grade 3. >





Taylor, grade 3. >

∧ Mary, grade 3.

Doll stands work great to hold the bears in various positions, including standing, walking and bending. Have students draw the bear's outside contour shape before adding the inside details. Only thin, water-soluble markers should be used for the drawings. No pencils!

After the bear is drawn—remind students to draw big!—the environment is created, with an emphasis on seasonal activities, weather, foliage and color usage. Students may draw inside scenes as long as the seasons are easily identifiable. Windows may be added to indicate outside weather, if desired.

Upon completion of the entire drawing, it's painting time! I like using water-soluble markers for this

project because they create subtle self-shading when the lines are barely moistened. Additionally, they require students to paint slowly and carefully.

Students must be instructed to have only a small amount of paint on the brush, and to paint inside the shapes and next to the lines—not over any lines. As the paint barely touches the



lines, the black marker mixes and slightly darkens the paint near the edges, creating depth with "accidental shading."

These charming bears are ready to greet the seasons!

Cheryl Crumpecker is a K-3 art teacher at St. Paul's Episcopal Day School in Kansas City, Mo.

LEARNING from exhibitions

he Grand Canyon has been described as wild and unforgiving, but it is also one of the most stunning landscapes on earth. As such, this monumental natural wonder has been recorded by thousands of artists—both professional and amateur—and by millions of visitors in almost every conceivable art form including paintings, prints, drawings and especially photography.

A current Smithsonian exhibition. now completing its four-year tour across the United States, allows us to marvel at this natural wonder without camping equipment, emergency rations or rappelling ropes. No donkeys needed, just travel to a museum hosting the show.

Lasting Light: 125 Years of Grand Canyon Photography is a collaboration

between the Smithsonian Institution

125 Years of Grand Canyon Photography by Mark M. Johnson

VISIT A NATIONAL PARK THIS SUMMER!

The U.S. National Park Service oversees nearly 400 national parks across the country, which attract more than 275 million visitors every year. Some are traditional natural or recreational parks that are appropriate for camping, hiking, fishing and family outings.

The Park Service also maintains historical sites, from the remnants of ancient civilizations, to the boyhood homes of U.S. Presidents, to the stirring sagas of hard-fought wars. Other sites might feature important people in our nation's history such as Thomas Edison and Martin Luther King, or tell stories such as the memories of the thousands of immigrants who passed through Ellis Island.

The National Park Service offers an extensive website (www.nps.gov/index. htm) that helps you find a park, explore nature, discover history and learn of events. There's even special information for teachers and kids. One can search by name, state, activity, topic, etc. So plan a trip to a national park, and you can even volunteer, join a friends group, or get involved in a variety of activities.-M.M.J.



Jack Dykinga. Toroweap Overlook in Morning Light, 1987. Courtesy of Jack Dykinga.



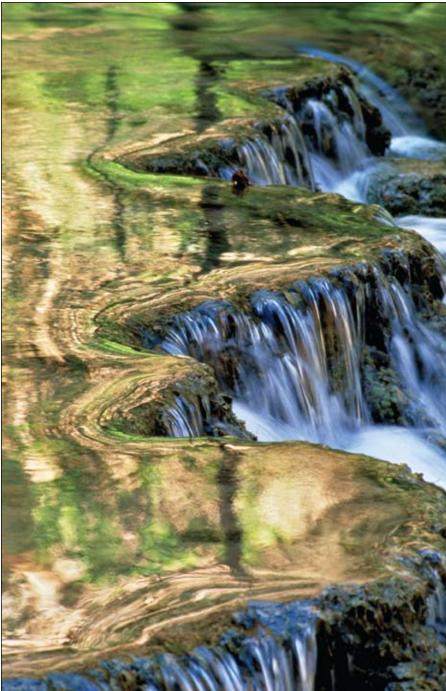
Kate Thompson. Salute to Matkatamiba, A
2000. Courtesy of Kate Thompson.

- Dugald Bremner. Travertine > Terraces, Havasu Creek, 1990.
 Courtesy of Dugald Bremner.
- John Blaustein. Bighorn V
 Sheep in 140-Mile Canyon, 1972.
 Courtesy of John Blaustein.



Traveling Exhibition Service and the Grand Canyon Association. Featuring 60 color photographs, this impressive exhibition will tour across the country through the end of 2013.

For the Hopi, the Grand Canyon is the Sipapu, the hole in the earth from which all life emerged. For the 16th-century Spanish explorer Garcia Lopez de Cardenas, the first European to explore the area, it was the entrance to the Seven Cities of Gold. During the past four centuries, this fantastic landscape has beckoned, inspired and thrilled explorers, naturalists, biologists, geologists, artists, tourists and families.



Lasting Light documents the dedication of those who sought to capture the Grand Canyon on film, from the late 19th century to the present. It also reveals the many faces of the Grand Canyon, as impacted by where the picture was taken, the season and time of day, the atmosphere and the changing weather. Nothing is constant except for the enormous variety of imagery as seen in the thousands of species of flora and fauna, waterfalls and wading pools, and of course, the awe-inspiring cliffs and rock formations. Representatives from Eastman Kodak's Professional Photography Division and National

Geographic selected the stunning contemporary images.

The Grand Canyon was formed by the Colorado River at least 17 million years ago. The gorge was formed over a 5.4 million year period. Grand Canyon National Park, located in the northwest corner of Arizona is a mile deep, 277 river miles long, 18 miles wide, and contains 2,000 square miles of snaking riverbeds and sheer rock walls. It is considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

President Theodore Roosevelt referred to it as a world like no other. "What you do is keep it for your children, your children's children, and for all who



come after you, as one of the great sights which every American should see," Teddy Roosevelt urged.

Roosevelt, ever the naturalist, was just one of the canyon's devotees. There are millions of others, including the 26 featured photographers of *Lasting Light*, who ran the river and climbed the rocks to capture these breathtaking images.

The area of the Grand Canyon was first afforded federal protection in 1893 as a forest reserve and later as a National Monument. It did not achieve national park status until 1919, three years after the creation of the National Park Service. Today, Grand Canyon National Park receives close to five million visitors each year—a far cry from the annual visitation of 44,173 the park received in 1919.

"The Grand Canyon taught me a way of seeing. How to see light and design," said featured photographer John Blaustein. This and other intriguing narratives accompany the spectacular photographs, giving audiences the artists' personal insight into the power of the canyon.

It's been said that art imitates nature. In the case of these Grand Canyon photographs, the images truly mirror the sense of scale, drama, power, age and wonder of the actual subject.

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Jack Dykinga. Snow Covered A Ponderosa Pine, North Rim, 1992. Courtesy of Jack Dykinga.

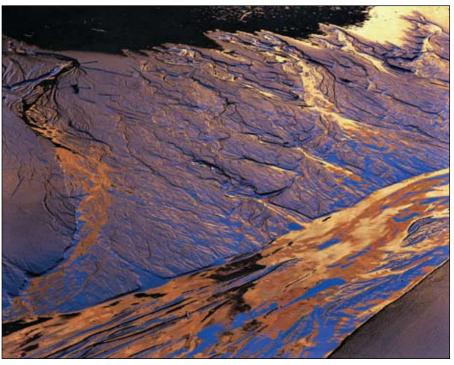
Gary Ladd. Reflections and Patterns in > Mud, 2005. Courtesy of Gary Ladd.

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Movement in art by colleen carroll

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ABOUT THE ARTIST, JEAN-HONORE FRAGONARD

(1703-1770). sent him along to the studio of François Boucher Chardin (1699–1779), who rejected the student and drawing led him to the studio of Jean-Baptiste-Siméon to become a lawyer, but Fragonard's natural gifts in painters in 18th-century France. He was originally grew up to become one of the most sought-after court The son of a haberdasher, Jean-Honoré Fragonard

six years studying in Rome and Venice, where he was deeply influenced by the work of Giovanni Battista won the Prix de Rome in 1752, after which he spent Accepted by Boucher, Fragonard flourished. He

> frivolities and gentile pleasures of the Rococo: works this serious subject matter for the genre scenes of the historical and allegorical scenes, he soon abandoned that would make him famous and rich. Tiepolo (1696–1770). Although his early work featured

sent shock waves through the Parisian art establishbefore Claude Monet's Impression, Sunrise (1872) artinthepicture.com). Working more than 100 years which he will always be associated" (source: www. XV's pleasure-loving and licentious court turned him towards those scenes of love and voluptuousness with "The demand of the wealthy art patrons of Louis

> ment, Fragonard's loose, lush brushstrokes garnered both praise and criticism.

the French Revolution ended the monarchy, and with it returned to a world forever changed the fate of many of his social circle, but 10 years later he artist's lucrative commissions. He fled Paris to avoid Timing was not on Fragonard's side: The advent of

relative obscurity and poverty. For a painter once so wildly popular, Fragonard died in welcomed the artist back, offering him a post at the Louvre, where he served as a museum commissioner Neoclassical painter Jean Louis David (1748–1825)

ABOUT THE ARTWORK

a tree swing by a much older gentleman. She playfully a young woman in frothy pink silk is being pushed on of youthful naughtiness. column of light illuminates the slightly hedonistic scene who hides in the garden's lush undergrowth with a kicks off her delicate slipper in full view of her lover, in flirtatious or mildly erotic behavior. In the painting, gentleman shown in lush landscapes and participating represent figural groupings of well-heeled ladies and known as fêtes galantes—small-scale paintings that perspective of his paramour's undergarments. A soft

work better demonstrates his ability to combine erotic

humour and joie de vivre of the Rococo. No other known painting, encapsulating for many the finesse, Honoré Fragonard. "The Swing is Fragonard's best-

licence with a visionary feeling for nature" (source:

www.wallace live.wallace collection.org).

The commission was originally given to the his-

art, The Swing, by the French Rococo painter, Jeanwith one of the most iconographic images in Western We conclude this year's Clip & Save Art Print series

meant to convey narrative, psychological or allegorical conoften thought, merely mirror real-life activities. They are usually constructed from pictorial patterns and motifs that were "French [genre] pictures and related subjects do not, as

offered to Fragonard, and the rest is history.

The Swing is an example of French genre scenes

from going forward with the job. The commission was

the erotically charged subject matter dissuaded Doyen tory painter Gabriel François Doyen (1726-1806), but

> freight of connotation and innuendo ... " (source: Abstract The Art Bulletin. Vol. 64. No. 1, March 1982, pgs. 75–88). tent. Swinging is a motif that carried a varied, mostly erotic

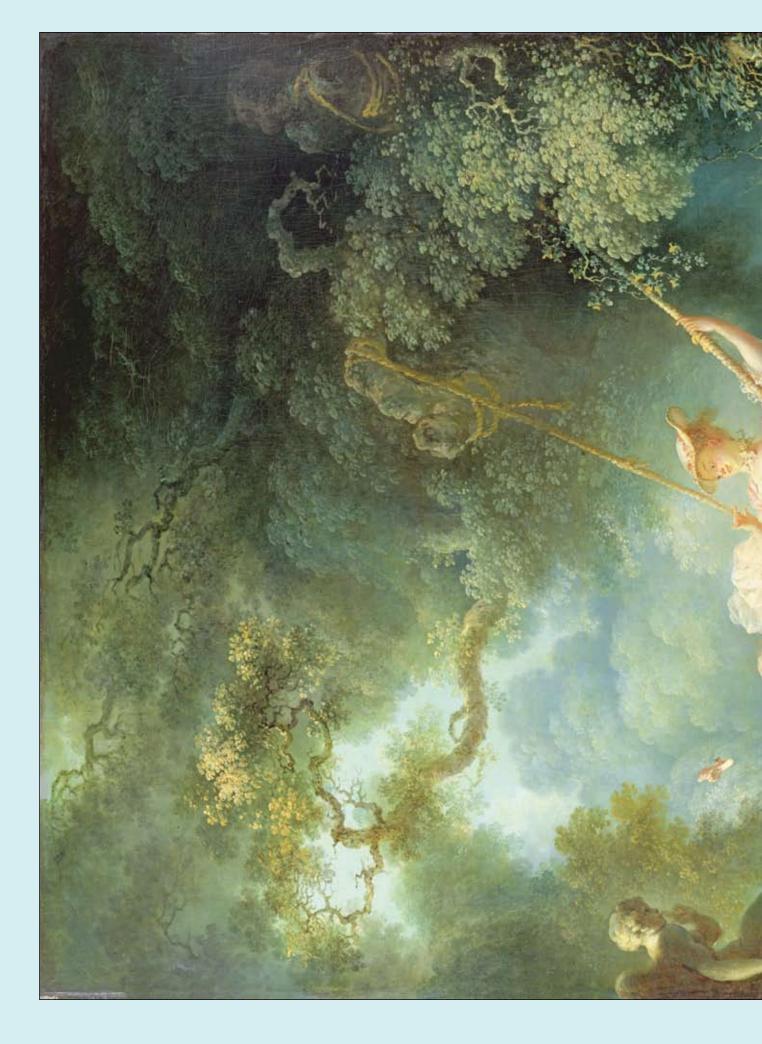
art one of the most popular paintings ever created. century French society is what has made this work of ability to perfectly capture the spirit and frivolity of 18thcontrol of line and voluptuous color. Then, as now, his it was praised for the artist's expert handling of paint, it caused a scandal at its unveiling. At the same time While The Swing seems tame by today's standards,

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at: www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/frag/hd_frag.htm For more biographical information, read the text found



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Jean-Honoré Fragonard (French; 1732–1806). The Swing (Les Hasards heureux de L'Escarpolette), 1767. Oil on canvas; 31.9"x 25.2". ©Wallace Collection, London, UK/The Bridgeman Art Library International.





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The Swing, Jean-Honoré Fragonard

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PRIMAR

What youngster doesn't love to swing? Your students most certainly will love the final print in this year's Clip & Save Art Print series featuring movement and motion in art. Display the Art Print and explain that the artist who painted the original made the painting over 200 years ago. Ask students to notice the details of the work that indicate its time period (clothing, hair styles).

Ask students to describe the action of the picture. Some students will no doubt notice the young man lying in the garden, watching his young girlfriend playfully kick her slipper in his direction. Tell students that at the time, the painting caused a scandal, as proper women were discouraged from such flirtatious behavior.

Point out how the artist used loose brushstrokes to create a lush garden environment. Give students paper and pencils to sketch a garden or playground scene. Provide chalk pastels or colored pencil for students to lay in color. Display finished work with the Art Print.

Share the Art Print with students and point out that the artist created the illusion of movement while at the same time captured a moment in time, much like a sports photographer captures distinct movements of an athlete in action.

Give students an opportunity to practice capturing motion. Place students in pairs, providing each

pair with a digital camera. Take students outside to an open space where they can move around freely. Direct students to take turns photographing their partner doing something that requires movement: running, throwing a ball, simple gymnastic moves and, of course, swinging.

Preview and download all students' work onto your hard drive. Organize the images by group, and give each pair the opportunity to edit out the weakest images. Have each student select an image from their body of work to print and mat. Display all photography alongside the Art Print. To celebrate the end of this year's study of movement in art, create a slideshow of student photography and screen it for the class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

After a year of examining movement in art, your middle-school students are ready to look back over the year of Art Prints with a critical and analytic eye. Share this month's Art Print with students and ask them to describe what they see. Next, screen the short YouTube film featuring two art historians analyzing The Swing (www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVI5Sjm0xKI). Point out to students how deeply the two scholars delve into the various elements of the picture.

To prepare for the next class, create a gallery-like space using all the Clip & Save Art Prints from this

year's series. (If you are lacking enough space to create a gallery, use a corridor or multipurpose room). Give students an opportunity to revisit all the prints. Next, place students in small groups and have them choose one print to analyze onsite. After each group has had enough time to fully analyze their chosen image, give them time to share their observations with the class.

HIGH SCHOOL

Share the Art Print with students and give them time to describe what is happening in the picture. Although students may comment that many of the elements of the subject matter are dated, the image has continued to enthrall even the most contemporary audiences, including the artist Yinka Shonibare, whose "work addresses issues of power in contemporary and historical culture. Shonibare sees areas of excess as a means to represent that power." (Source: www.edu.warhol.org).

In his 2001 sculpture, *The Swing (after Fragonard)*. Shonibare borrows the central figure in the original work while making a unique work in his own style Show students Shonibare's sculpture, found at www. edu. warhol.org/app_shonibare.html. Ask students how the artist borrowed from the original without copying it. Ask students to comment on how the meaning of the two works are different. Give students an opportunity to create an original work of art inspired by *The Swing*.



Concept, Composition, Confidence, Contrast, Color Harmony, Character, Courage

by Dan Bartges

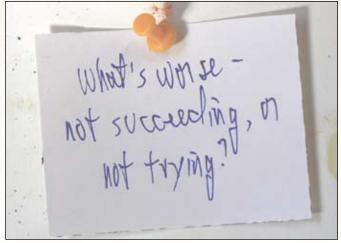
It takes real courage to produce one's best artwork. But how can your students muster courage when they need it? In the last lesson of this 10-part series, courage is our final destination. As you know, each article in this 10-part series is designed as a self-directed lesson for your students and makes it easy for them to get involved for extra credit or as a homework assignment.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS For teachers, each month a lesson overview and the answers to the current quiz are printed here in the magazine for-your-eyes-only. Your students can go online to our special student Web page at *www. artsandactivities.com*, then click "Sail the Seven C's," where they'll spend time learning about that month's topic.

Next, they'll print out the "Quiz Me!" sheet, write in their answers to three short questions, then hand it in to you. (The following month, the answers to the previous month's quiz will be shared online with students.)

Thank you for encouraging your students to participate in this yearlong series. I hope these lessons have helped to raise the quality of their artwork and to motivate them to continue developing and enjoying their creative talents.

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"What's worse: not succeeding or not trying?" Pinned to his or her studio wall, this note reminds an artist to muster the courage to take risks.



Cecilia Beaux (American; 1855–1942). Man with the Cat (Henry Sturgis Drinker), 1898. Oil on canvas; 48" x 34.625". Smithsonian American Art Museum. Bequest of Henry Ward Ranger through the National Academy of Design.

MUSEUM CONNECTION Imagine believing in something so deeply that you risk everything to dedicate your life to it. That takes courage! But that is exactly what artist George Catlin did. A complex figure, Catlin painted and chronicled American Indian culture at a pivotal moment in United States history.

In the 1830s, tribes from the East were forced to relocate westward, treading what historians call the Trail of Tears. An advocate for American Indians, Catlin was an artist, writer, ethnographer, scientist, businessman, lecturer and showman—roles that were sometimes contradictory. He took great risks in his quest to travel west to document American Indian life for future generations, yet Catlin persevered against the odds.

Learn more about George Catlin (1796–1872) and his paintings at the Smithsonian American Art Museum's website. This site compiles paintings, historical documents and commentary from contemporary experts so you can explore the intersections of two cultures—both in George Catlin's time and today: www.americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/online/catlinclassroom/index.html

- TEACHER'S ANSWERS TO THIS MONTH'S STUDENT QUESTIONS

1Q What did the cicada beetle do that was considered courageous? 1A After shedding its shell, it leaped off the tree and flew. 2Q Explain what Eugene Delacroix meant when he wrote: "Mediocre painters ... never get beyond themselves." 2A They never take the risk of attempting to paint better than they're certain they can paint. 3Q Who painted Man with the Cat? 3A The American artist Cecilia Beaux (1855–1942).

Coming of Age Transitioning

To celebrate a milestone in eighth-graders' lives—leaving middle school and moving on to high school—I assign them the "Coming of Age" project, which examines the big idea of identity and promotes the move from self-reflection to self-expression. The project also includes writing components that correspond to each of the nine assignments.

Reference materials and resources are provided for students: examples that show the relationship between words and images, familiar sayings, proverbs, and words of wisdom, decorative fonts for lettering and designs, a list of descriptive words, and assorted comic books featuring superheroes.

BOOKLET PREPARATION

You can choose to assemble the booklets beforehand, or walk your students through the process.

STEP 1: To create each of the booklets, fold two pieces of 18" x 12" oak tag in thirds horizontally, so you have six equal 6" x 12" panels. Fold back along



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Use transparent tape to join the two pieces of oak tag horizontally, so they make one long accordion.

Cut a 6" x 4" rectangle out of what will become the cover panel. Mark this spot on panels 1, 3 and 8 for later.

STEP 2: Take headshots of students, or scan existing photos. Print these at 6" x 4" on transparency film. (You should be able

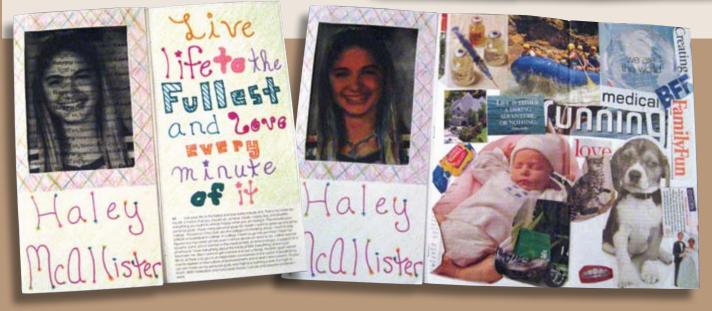
to fit two photos on each sheet of transparency film.) Cut each photo out, leaving room around the photo (I suggest this be done beforehand).

STEP 3: The cover page and photo will be included in each of the book's four "spreads." Because the photo is printed on transparency film, students will create four different backgrounds that will show through: three differently

painted copies of their headshot, and a collage of descriptive words. Once the paintings are complete, they can be cut out and glued to the booklet.

STEP 4: Students will complete the nine art and writing assignments, and then assemble them in their booklet according to a provided diagram. (Each writing assignment must be typed, cut out and glued to the bottom of the appropriate panel.)





from Middle School to High School by Sandra Elser Ciminero

The book will have two 2-page spreads (including the cover page) and two 3-page spreads (including the cover page). Students will then be able to fold the booklet in different ways to show each of the four different spreads.

Students were shown a "Coming of Age" example I made, and I demonstrated how the cover page with photo would flip to reveal the four backgrounds and spreads. There are many steps, so for students to completely

understand how the various parts come together; be sure to make a booket to serve as an example.

Students were given a checklist and descriptions of the assignments so they could work at their own pace, as well as manila folders to store their work as they progressed.

Acrylic paint stations had been set up at several tables, while watercolor and other drawing materials were stationed at others. computer, being sure to set the margins to fit the booklets. Most students organized their ideas in notebooks beforehand, while others chose to compose on the computer. All writing had to be school-appropriate and positive.

A piece of drawing paper was placed under the photo transparency and, on the light box, students lightly traced the outline of themselves, which

see OF AGE on page 42

THE 9 STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS

#1. Students were asked to draw a border design around the rectangle opening (where the photo will be) and color it in with markers or colored pencils. They were then to letter their first and last name to fit the entire space under the photo.

After the components were assembled, students typed their accompanying text on a

Art and reflective writing help students define who they want to become.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Middle-school students will ...

- reflect on the transition into high school, including who they are and their hopes and aspirations.
- experiment with materials to produce different effects.
- understand subtle differences by utilizing the same photographic image, but altering the backgrounds.
- learn and exercise problem-solving skills.

MATERIALS

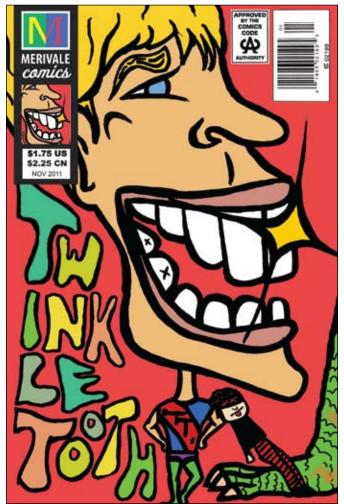
- 12" x 18" oak tag
- 8.5" x 11" overhead transparencies
- Tape, glue
- Utility knife, scissors
- Watercolors, acrylics, brushes, mixing trays
- Magazines, cut paper
- Colored and graphite pencils, markers
- Digital camera, light boxes





Comic Book Confidential

Jen's "Vireo." > Casey's "Twinkle Tooth." V



remember as a youngster poring over DC and Marvel comics, wondering if any of my heroes would reach TV or movie theaters. Today, with the blue-screen techniques and computergenerated imagery (CGI), it seems not a week goes by without seeing one of these characters being featured in a film. Spiderman—my personal favorite—has even reached Broadway!

None of this phenomena is lost on my senior graphicdesign class, who see many of these movies and still read the occasional graphic novel or comic book. So, when I told them their summative project was to invent their own crazy superheroes-complete with mythology, costume and their own comic book—it was an assignment they happily embraced.

We first took a historical survey and observed how comic-



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

High-school students will ...

- examine several well-drawn comic books.
- create a completely new superhero or completely overhaul an existing character.
- work with keyline art and understand how to digitally ink and fill
- understand basic Adobe Photoshop skills.

MATERIALS

- Black ink, brush pens
- Mayfair cover paper
- Scanner and ink-jet printer
- Photo-editing and desktoppublishing software, such as Adobe Photoshop CS4

book artwork had evolved from the simple linear, filledkeyline drawings of the first 50 years of the genre, to today's more painterly graphic formats.

Most students working on the problem took the more traditional route, and created black-and-white comic-book art on paper, that was in turn scanned and saved as a TIFF image. In Photoshop CS4, it was easy to convert these files to RGB and then experiment with color. Digitally, it was easy to ink and fill closed shapes, and color blends were easily dropped in. It also was quite simple to isolate the black parts of the image and place a color behind them.

A few in the class chose to use a more painterly approach with Photoshop, using the pencil, paintbrush and opacity





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tools to create images that looked like they had been done using traditional media.

Although it's a bit more difficult to work with text in Photoshop, we did so quite effectively, using several filters and effects to get the typographic look each student was looking for.

Using the layers palette in Photoshop provided the students with an opportunity to do a lot of easy trial-and-error work onscreen. When they were satisfied they had arrived at the most pleasing image and final comic-book cover layout, the experimental layers in the file were purged.

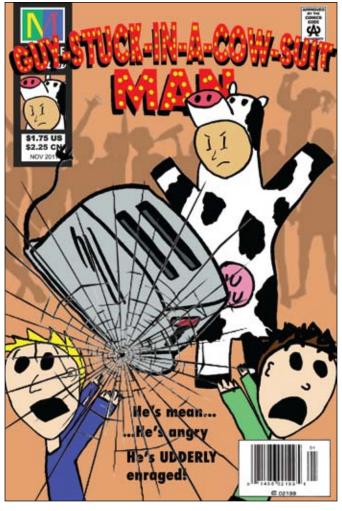
I asked students to save their original Photoshop working files with all the separate layers and to make a duplicate copy. They were then asked to flatten and merge all layers on the duplicate file, which was saved as a high-resolution jpeg, and printed on our inkjet printer.

Our pantheon of comic-book heroes came to life and were proudly on display at the school's annual art show.

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- "Foxy" by Minty.
- < "The Mask" by Heather.
- "Guy-Stuck-in-a-Cow-Suit Man" by Jordan.



Dwelling Designers

By George Székely

Before she was 8, my daughter, Ana, had already moved into many unfurnished playhouses, stacking storage units and hanging shoe racks or garment bags. Children's inventions go far beyond track housing or Ethan Allen furniture; they foreshadow the most innovative ideas in building forms and interior designs.

Children improvise with containers and find places in a home that suggest enticing dwellings. A drawer left open becomes a balcony, soap trays become cots and the space between twin beds becomes a domed

playhouse through the strategic use of sheets and pillows.

Some children have "owned" summer homes on the beach, in the mountains or poolside, where they drape beach towels over chairs and arrange comfortable inflatables inside their towel tents. Children search for interesting parcels and views for playhouses on which to site pocket-to life-sized play spaces. In turn, children's playhouse activities are an inspired foundation for art-room architecture and interior design practice.

A UNIQUE ART Over fields of carpets and grass, children build sanctuaries for their action figures and other toys. This play becomes focused in a more compact environment inside a playhouse. All kinds of stimulating containers with unusual spaces can serve as possibilities in the art class. From designing shelters for themselves and their toys, children expand to designing public environments, planetariums, museums and airports. Structures they model are based on experiences and interior investigations. In the art room, students are exposed to architectural models, important pieces of furniture art and the works of other designers. We offer a unique design practice in school, where students meet "clients," deal with "specs" and "budgets" and invest in words and sketches, the concepts found through playful investigation.

Art-class experiences build on a fruitful life in playhouses and build connections between children's growing interests in the world. Developing environmental awareness is enhanced by children's own environmental creations. A playhouse is a complete environmental art, requiring complex thinking, seeing and understanding of relationships between exterior and interior. Students develop a feeling for spaces, a sense of being in control of the environment and of being a contributor to the world.

PLAYHOUSE INVENTORS With so many toy cars, dolls, action figures and stuffed animals to house and feed, no wonder kids constantly search for objects to move into. One child suggests a playhouse made from the giant shoes





of basketball star Shaquille O'Neal. *Thinking* about possibilities is as

important as building or playing in a playhouse.

Designing in a coat pocket, an eyeglass case or an old trunk leads to further architectural ideas for designing a playhouse from a hat box, a rolling suitcase or an expandable tackle box. This also inspires students to make connections with the containers in which we live, drive or store things. When playhouse dreaming is encouraged, students envision new worlds of underwater housing, portable homes we wear or homes that move with us.

DREAMING OF YOUR OWN HOME The art room can carry student dreams to new heights. We design our own innovative furniture and create catalogs for them. Only the most unique containers will do, as we begin to plan our homes and consider different sites and landscaping plans. Celebrated contemporary furnishings and architecture enter the art room through magazines and books, as students learn to speak the language of Deco, Arts and Crafts, and Vintage.

AN OPEN HOUSE Some children only experience playhouses designed by adults. For young artists, playhouses are a game board to practice design, a showcase for ideas or even a place in which to hide or find adventure. Playhouses help children contemplate how to improve upon a world defined by adults.

Future architects and designers meet and rehearse in playhouses, where kids groom their love for living in beautiful places, collecting furniture and accessories and for appreciating architectural details.

In a playhouse, children can take charge of, and fine-tune, the visual world. They form life-long artistic tastes in arranging fabrics, colors and objects, and will carry the skills to visualize ideas in scale models, to arrange things in 3-D settings, to solve construction and environmental problems.

Playhouses are as important as play blocks in building-design skills and artistic understandings.

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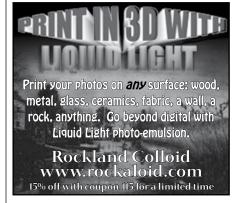
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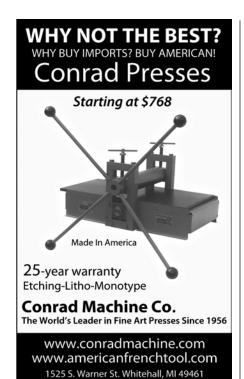
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included their hairline and clothing lines. Three of

these traced images were needed for upcoming assignments.

Students later painted these traced images and attached them with a glue stick inside the blank pages of the book, so the backgrounds were able to show through the photo.

- **#2.** Students painted one traced image with acrylics, striving for realistic, true-to-life colors. The writing prompts were: How do you see yourself today? What are your interests? What do you like about being an eighth-grader?
- **#3.** Students were to find a magazine photo (face and shoulder shot) of a role model—someone they admired or who inspired them. The photo was cut in half and the student had to draw in the missing half. The cut piece was then attached to flip up and reveal the drawn part. Pictures needed to be approximately 5" x 7". Writing prompts were: *Who is the person you chose? Why did you choose them?*
- **#4.** Students used watercolor on the second traced image to create a "wacky" background. Writing prompts were: Have you ever done anything a bit wacky or unexpected? Is there anything unusual you would like to do someday? Explain.
- **#5.** Students were asked to create their own superhero. Did they have a memory of an event or person who made a difference in their life? They

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- Reflect on and assess characteristics and merits of their work and that of others.



could use a photograph of that person to draw from or could create their own imaginary superhero, remembering that a superhero is good, not evil. Writing prompts were: Who was your favorite superhero? If you never had any, do you have a memory of an event or person who made a difference in your life?

- **#6.** Students brainstormed 8–10 words to describe themselves. They made a list, either writing the words in decorative styles or typing them on the computer. They were to repeat the words 6.5 inches down and 5 inches across, using different fonts and sizes. Writing prompts were: *Explain the words you chose. Relate a story or example to illustrate one or more of the words you chose.*
- **#7.** Students created mottos to describe their personal goals for the future. A reference booklet of proverbs, mottos, sayings and words of wisdom was available. They were to make their mottos into word art. The writing prompt was: *Describe your personal goals*.
- **#8.** Students created a background on the third traced image that represented themselves emotionally. Ideas included stripes, favorite colors, making their face a pastel color or using warm or cool color schemes. Writing prompts were: How would you color yourself emotionally? Happy-go-lucky, sad, moody, enthusiastic, creative? Provide an example or story.
- **#9.** In the final assignment, students looked in magazines for pictures and words to illustrate what they hoped to be in 10-plus years. They collaged and drew about eight images and words. Writing prompts were: What are your hopes and aspirations? List the words and images included in the collage and comment on your choices.

ASSESSMENT When all nine assignments were completed, students were given a rubric with points given for completing each art assignment and writing assignment, for neatness, originality, as well as color and design.

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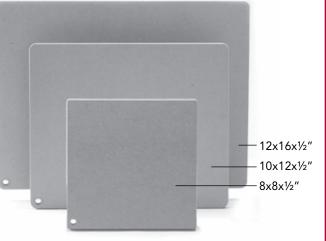


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appy June! It's time to finish those projects, clean up and start organizing for next year. Here are some great tips to get you started.

tip #1

Whelchel Arnold from Level Creek Elementary School in Suwanee, Ga., has her students create and decorate a portfolio to carry their work home. She also does quick, one-day projects—like symmetrical drawings—that don't require a lot of materials. Students also make sketchbooks for the following year, and help their teacher sort and clean the art room and the materials.

tip #2

GO GREEN! When cleaning out the art room at the end of the school year, Debi West from North Gwinnett High School In Gwinnett County, Ga. always finds the "recycle" paper bins overflowing. A few years ago, she began having her students paint the papers and turn them into lovely paper sculptures! She has her students look to Frank Stella for inspiration, and if time per-

tip #4

SPEAKING OF GLUE ... Donna Casanas, who teaches at Coral Park Elementary School in Coral Springs, Fla., uses wood glue to attach pieces of clay projects that have broken off during the wear and tear of the school year. Gluing them back together makes the kids feel good, and helps the projects look great when sent home.

tip #5

GREAT ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY We all have so much unfinished and unclaimed art at the end of the year, and Elaine Fisher from Westwood Heights and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary Schools—both in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.—hates to store or toss them. She takes high-resolution photos of the pieces and lets the students have an "Art Give-Away." Some students choose finished work, while others prefer unfinished samples so they can add their own details to them.

The "price" for each piece is a 3–2–1 organizer. For each artwork, students identify three elements and principles of



and why. She also asks her students if they could create an assignment for the class, what would it be? The answers to the students' reflection provide great insight into analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of her curriculum and teaching. In the past, they have provided innovative ideas she has incorporated in future additional lessons.

tip #7

READY FOR NEXT YEAR, ALREADY? Preparing a few assignments to start the new school year gives Sandra Traub from Stoneman Douglas High School

End One, Organize for the Next

mits, they rip apart cardboard boxes and expand this lesson into an Elizabeth Murray-meets-Frank Stella piece. Recycled cardboard and paper scraps never looked so good!

tip #3

A LITTLE DAB'LL DO YA! We all know how hard it is opening glue bottles at the beginning of the school year. All the glue has dried up and hardened around the neck and tip of the bottle. Joanna Davis from Garden Elementary School in Sarasota, Fla. "saves" her glue bottles, by putting petroleum jelly around the necks and tips so they're easy to open and refill in the fall—and all year long!

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art they see in it, state two things they learn from the piece of art, and share either one message they see in the artwork or give the work a title. It's a great end-of-year review, and a way to sort and reduce clutter in the art room.

She now keeps all of her work in her pocket on digital media. The kids love taking the pieces home, and she has a slide show of her work for each year.

tip #6

REFLECTIONS Students can reflect on what the most important aspect in art class was during the semester. The most important "thing" doesn't have to be an art technique or skill; it can be time management, planning compositions or applying research to solve problems.

Bizzy Jenkins from Cypress Bay High School in Weston, Fla., also has students explain which project was their favorite and most challenging, in Coral Springs, Fla., a head start. When she returns to school in the fall, she is able to get back into the "school mode" without the stress of getting prepared for the first week of school.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our June artists: Paul Gauguin, John Constable, Christo, Red Grooms and Malvina Hoffman.

Scraps of colored construction paper in the recycle bin? Try having your students make a torn paper collage with the scraps in the style of Gauguin's *Tahitian Landscape*. Or, ceramic projects can be wrapped and tied like a Christo building.

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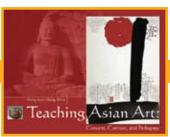
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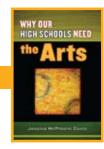
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