

4th Grade -SEASCAPES

Prepare the following materials ahead of time, making sure each student receives the following. There is a paper cutter available to checkout in the art appreciation closet if needed.

- Dark blue construction paper: Cut in half lengthwise
- Light blue construction paper: Cut in half lengthwise
- White paper (printer paper is fine): Cut in half lengthwise
- Square of colored construction paper for boat, color does not matter. Cut 6 pieces per piece of 9" x 12" so they measure 4.5" x 4"
- Square of white paper for boat sail, about the same size as colored paper
- Full sheet white construction paper/cardstock
- Each student should have scissors, a glue stick and black flair pen in the classroom
- You may bring additional art supplies from the closet for students to use for the sky if they finish early (colored pencils, crayons, etc)

Before beginning their own project, take a good look at the seascapes of Homer and Vickery. Talk about the organization of the pictures (or you can focus more on the waves). A few discussion topics include:

- Discuss how there is a horizon line, and it is rarely in the center of the paper.
- Discuss the colors of the water and the sky. They are not just blue. There are many colors used, why is that? (weather, time of day, reflection of light and shadows, to create a particular mood)
- How is movement suggested? Through angles, off center placement of objects

Color, movement and balance helps to keep our attention and feel the energy of the paintings.

Pass out the materials and have students put their name on the back of the full sheet. Talk about layers you see in the ocean and different colors used to create layers. Show students your sample and explain how they will make their own:

-first you tore your paper pieces so that you could layer them, starting at the top, to create an ocean

-you only glue the bottom edge of the paper layers so that the ocean is not flat, and you will be able to put your boat in the ocean later

-explain how you alternated colors to make your ocean look alive

-they should not use scissors for this part. It's not meant to look "perfect"

When they are done with the ocean, they can cut out a boat and sail with their scissors and add them to the picture.

If there is time left, students can add details to their picture, coloring in the sky and background.