

Story Collages

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Bree Huschke, grade two.

Lesson Objectives

Students will:

- understand that artists can tell stories with shapes and symbols.
- create a collage with shapes and symbols based on a personal story.

Materials

- assorted colors and patterns of paper
- 9 x 12" (23 x 30 cm) black construction paper, one per student for the background
- scissors
- glue

Setup

Display artworks that use shapes and symbols to tell stories (such as Miró). Find a toy that has many parts that can be put together in different ways (Zolo, Mr. Potato Head, etc.).

Engage

Tell students that artists can tell stories with collages and that shapes can show objects and symbols. Display artworks and ask students to point out different kinds of shapes and symbols. Display an assembled toy and ask students to point out the shapes and symbols they see. Ask each student to take apart and reassemble the toy in a different way.

Create

Tell students that they will make a paper collage that tells a story. Discuss what stories they might tell. Remind them that stories can have different types of shapes, symbols, and colors. Have students cut out shapes from construction and other types of colored or patterned papers to create their collages. Have students arrange their shapes and glue them down onto a background.

Assessment

To what extent does each collage tell a story with repeated shapes and symbols? Does the collage indicate attention to composition and design?

Extension

Have students write down their stories and display them alongside the finished collages. 🌀

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