

Grade Levels(s): K , 1st , 2nd , 3rd , 4th , 5th , 6th , 7th ,
8th , 9th , 10th , 11th , 12th
Subject(s): ELA

Wonder of the Day #1154
Can Writing Be Art?

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Making "art" 45 min

Objective:

Remind kids that tools for self-expression (pencils, crayons, paints) are readily available.

Ideally - it is hoped that parents will be encouraged to avail themselves to the [Cleveland Art Museum](#) for the [Jean-Michel Basquiat](#) show.

Big Idea:

Drawing and painting, like hand-writing, are fundamental skills for communicating and self-expression.

1. Warm Up / Anticipatory 5 min

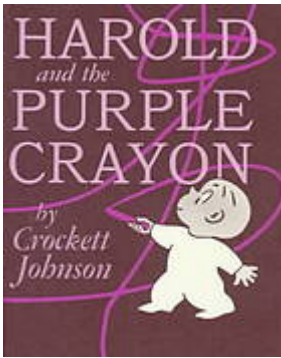
What is an artist? Have kids explain what art means to them. What are the tools that artists use in their work?

2. Investigation and New Learning 20 min

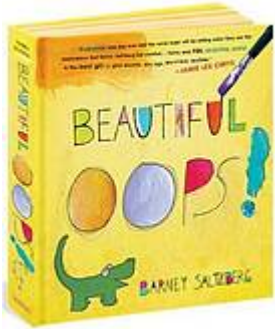
Read [Miffy the Artist](#) by Dick Bruna



[Harold and the Purple Crayon](#) by Crockett Johnson

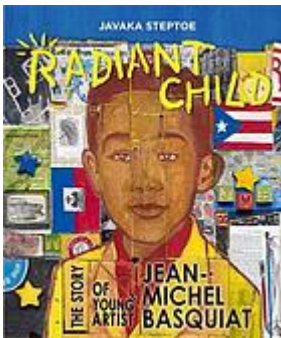


[Beautiful Oops](#) by Barney Saltzberg



We generally program for preK, but this can be expanded to higher levels by adding:

[Radiant Child: the story of artist Jean-Michel Basquiat](#) by Javaka Steptoe



Jean-Michel Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings rocked to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art work had ever seen. But before that, he was a little boy who saw art everywhere: in poetry books and museums, in games and in the words that we speak, and in the pulsing energy of New York City. Now, award-winning illustrator Javaka Steptoe's vivid text and bold artwork echoing Basquiat's own introduce young readers to the powerful message and art doesn't always have to be neat or clean--and definitely not inside the lines--to be beautiful

3. Review & Check for Understanding 30 min

We will be using the [Wax-Resistant technique](#) to draw and paint on watercolor paper

Standards: K.RL.P.4.3. RI.K.1 K.RL.P.4.1. K.I.3.1. 110.11 (C) 110.11 (F) K.RI.P.4.1. K.RI.P.4.3. LA 0.1.5.B. LA 0.1.5.C. K.C.MC.2.1. K.RI.LCS.11.2. K.RI.MC.6.1. 110.11 (B) K.14 (B) RI.K.10. RF.K.4. RI.K.8. RI.K.4. RI.K.1. RI.K.2. SL.K.2. L.K.6. (K.9) K.10 (A) K.4 (B) K.9.C) K.5.C) LA 0.1.6.D. LA 0.1.6.E. K.RN.1.1. K.RN.2.1. K.RL.4.1. K.RF.1.1. O.8.2.2. O.10.6.6. K.RN.2.2. K.RN.3.2. K.SL.3.1. 2.1. K.RV.3.2. K.RV.1.1. K.RN.4.1. O.6.1.1. O.3.0.4. LA 0.1.6.O. LA 0.2.2.A. LA 0.1.6.N. LA 0.1.6.M. LA 0.1.6.F. LA 0.1.6.I. LA 0.4.1.A. O.1.7.7. O.2.8.8. O.2.10.10. O.2.4.4. O.2.2.2. O.2.1.1. RL.K.7. K.RL.MC.6.1. W.K.1 SL.K.2 RF.K.4 RI.K.10 RI.K.4 RI.K.8 RI.K.2 L.K.6 1.W.MCC.2.1. 1.RI.LCS.11.2. 1.2.6.6. 1.2.4.4. RI.1.6. 1.2.2.2. 1.RI.LCS.9.1. 1.RI.LCS.8.1. 1.I.2.1. 1.2.7.7. 1.I.3.1. 1.RL.MC.6.1. 1.RI.MC.6.1. 1.RL.LCS.9.2. RI.1.7. RI.1.10. RI.1.10 RI.1.8 RF.1.4A RF.1.4C L.1.4A SL.1.2 RI.1.6 1.1.7.7. RF.1.4.C. RF.1.4.A. SL.1.2. 1.2.8.8. 1.2.1.1. L.1.4.A. 1.RV.2.1. 1.8.7.7.B. 1.10.4.4.A. 1.8.7.7.A. 1.8.2.2. RI.1.4 1.3.0.4.A. 1.10.10 (D) 1.10.F) 1.7.B) 1.1.A) 1.8.B) 1.8.C) 1.8.E) 1.8.D) RI.1.2 RI.1.1 1.RV.1.1. 1.RN.4.1. RI.1.4. 1.RV.3.2. 1.SL.3.1. 1.W.3.3. 1.RN.2.2. 1.RN.2.1. 1.RF.2.1. 1.RF.1.1. 1.RF.2.2. 1.RL.4.1. 1.RN.1.1. 1.2.10.10. RI.1.7 110.12 (C) 110.12 (D) 110.12 (F) RI.1.2. 1.19 (C) 1.18 (B) 1.6 (C) 1.14 (A) 1.14 (B) LA 1.2.2.A. LA 1.2.1.C. LA 1.1.6.D. LA 1.1.5.C. LA 1.1.5.B. 2.1. LA 1.1.6.E. LA 1.1.6.I. LA 1.1.6.O. LA 1.1.6.N. LA 1.1.6.M. 1.4 (B) LA 1.4.1.A. RI.1.1. RL.1.5. RL.1.7. 110.47.8 (B) 110.47.8 (A) 110.47.7 (A) 110.47.9 (E) 110.48.2 (A) 110.48.1 (A) 110.47.6 (C) 110.47.8 (D) 110.47.5 (B) 110.46.1 (A) 110.34 (B) 110.34 (A) 110.47.1 (A) 110.47.2 (A) 110.48.2 (F) 110.47.4 (C) 110.47.3 (D) 110.47.6 (A) 110.48.4 (E) 110.52.1 (B) 110.49.2 (B) 110.48.6 (C) 110.48.6 (A) 110.53.3 (B) 110.54.3 (A) 110.55.1 (A) 110.54.5 (B) 110.54.5 (A) 110.48.5 (A) 110.55.4 (B) 110.59.1 (C) 110.48.4 (F) EIV.15 (C) (V) 110.59.1 (A) 110.55.5 (B) 110.55.4 (C) 110.55.4 (D) 110.55.5 (A) 110.48.3 (A) EI.1.2.1. 110.31 (A) 110.31 (B) EII.1 (A) EI.14 (B) (EI.8) LA 10.2.2.A. LA 10.4.1.A. EI.1 (A) EIII.15 (C) (V) EIII.14 (B) 110.32 (A) EII.14 (B) (EII.8) 110.32 (B) EIII.1 (A) EIII.9 (B) 110.55.2 (A) EIII.1 (B) LA 10.2.1.C. LA 10.1.6.O. EIV.1 (B) (EIV.8) 10.5.F) EIV.1 (A) 10.3.F) EII.9 (B) 110.33 (B) 110.33 (A) 10.5.10) 110.55.4 (A) LA 10.1.6.10) LA 10.1.6.I. LA 10.1.6.M. LA 10.1.6.F. LA 10.1.6.E. LA 10.1.4.A. LA 10.1.5.C. LA 10.1.5.D. EIV.9 (D) EIV.14 (B) E2.C.MC.1.1. E2.RI.LCS.9.5. E3.I.2.1. E3.RI.P.4.1. E3.RI.MC.5.1. E3.RI.P.4.3. E2.RI.LCS.9.4. E2.RI.LCS.9.3. L.9-10.4D L.9-10.4A L.9-10.6 E2.RI.LCS.9.1. E2.RI.LCS.9.2. E3.RI.MC.5.2. E3.RI.MC.6.1. E4.RI.P.4.1. E4.I.2.1. E4.RI.P.4.3. E4.RI.MC.5.1. E4.RI.MC.5.2. E3.C.MC.1.1. E3.RI.LCS.9.5. E3.RI.LCS.9.1. E3.RI.LCS.8.1. E3.RI.LCS.9.2. E3.RI.LCS.9.3. E3.RI.LCS.9.4. W.9-10.8 RI.9-10.4 E1.RI.LCS.9.4. E1.RI.LCS.9.3. E1.RI.LCS.9.5. E1.C.MC.1.1. E2.I.2.1. E1.RI.LCS.9.2. E1.RI.LCS.9.1. E1.RI.P.4.3. E1.RI.P.4.1. E1.RI.MC.5.1. E1.RI.MC.5.2. E1.RI.MC.6.1. 9-10.W.1.1. 9-10.RV.2.2. E2.RI.MC.6.1. E2.RI.MC.5.2. E2.RI.LCS.8.1. RI.9-10.1 RI.9-10.2 E2.RI.MC.5.1. E2.RI.P.4.3. 9-10.RN.2.2. 9-10.RV.1.1. 9-10.RN.2.1. 9-10.RN.1.1. E2.RI.P.4.1. E4.RI.MC.6.1. 9-10.RV.2.1. W.9-10.4. E4.RI.LCS.8.1. RI.9-10.2. W.9-10.8. L.9-10.4.A. L.9-10.6. L.9-10.4.D. 9.11.6.6. 9.11.4.4.D. 9.5.2.2. 9.5.1.1. 9.5.4.4. 9.7.8.8. 9.11.4.4.A. 9.9.7.7.B. RI.9-10.4. 110.55.3 (C) E4.RI.LCS.9.4. E4.RI.LCS.9.3. E4.RI.LCS.9.5. E4.C.MC.1.1. RL.9-10.7. RI.9-10.1. 110.55.2 (B) E4.RI.LCS.9.2. 110.55.3 (B) 9.4.7.7. 110.55.2 (C) 110.55.3 (A) 110.55.2 (D) E4.RI.LCS.9.1. 110.33 (B) EIV.1 (A) EIII.9 (B) 110.32 (A) EII.14 (B) EII.9 (B) EIV.1 (B) 110.32 (B) EIII.1 (A) EIII.15 (C) (V) EIII.14 (B) (EII.8) EIII.1 (B) 110.33 (A) EIV.14 (B) 110.47.8 (B) 110.47.8 (A) 110.47.7 (A) 110.47.6 (C) 110.47.8 (D) 110.47.9 (E) 110.48.3 (A) 110.48.2 (F) 110.48.2 (A) 110.48.1 (A) 110.47.6 (A) 110.47.5 (B) 110.34 (B) 110.34 (A) EIV.15 (C) (V) EIV.9 (D) 110.46.1 (A) 110.47.1 (A) 110.47.4 (C) 110.47.3 (D) 110.47.2 (A) RI.11-12.1. (EIV.8) EI.14 (B) E3.RI.LCS.9.2. E3.RI.LCS.9.1. E3.RI.LCS.8.1. E3.RI.MC.6.1. E3.RI.LCS.9.3. E3.RI.LCS.9.4. E4.RI.P.4.1. E4.I.2.1. E3.C.MC.1.1.