

U. S. Regions Landscape Collages

Grade Level: Grade Four

Narrative description of the lesson:

In this lesson students learn to create a paper landscape collage that shows depth and demonstrates an understanding of foreground, middleground, and background. Students will connect with their social studies exploration of the regions of the United States by choosing a specific region to represent.

Learning Goals:

- be able to create a paper landscape collage of the state or region that they are studying.
- develop an understanding of how to create depth by overlapping
- demonstrate an understanding of foreground, middleground and background.

Techniques:

Paper cutting, collage, craftsmanship

Materials:

12"x18" colored fadeless paper
Cut paper scraps
Scissors
Glue sticks
Images of United States landscapes

Instructional Sequence:



1. The students should research their state or region and bring in a picture of the place they will be creating.
2. Show examples of students work from previous years. Point out that students in the past selected a prominent geographical feature of the state to focus on in the collage. Demonstrate how to choose a background color which will serve as the background for the landscape. Then demonstrate how to tear and cut pieces of paper to form objects in the distance. Overlap objects for the middle ground and the background. Students should have a minimum of 3 layers of paper to create depth and the entire landscape should be made out of cut paper including the small details.

Ongoing Assessments: Observing students at work. Self-assessments to determine if the students have achieved the project goals.

National Frameworks:

Anchor Standard #1. Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.

Anchor Standard #2. Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.

Anchor Standard #3. Refine and complete artistic work.

Anchor Standard #11. Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural and historical context to deepen understanding.



Resources

Student examples, Photos of landscapes, examples of cut paper collage, Smart notebook lesson plan with directions and examples.