

Mixed Media Storytelling

Discussion Questions

- How can an artwork tell a story?
- What is my story?
- What materials make sense for this story?

Artists To Look At:

- Stephanie Barenz
- Pamela Allen
- Deane V. Bowers
- Deborah Reilly

Let's Create!

What is your story?

- Write it down. Write a short paragraph telling your story.
- Close your eyes and think about your story. What colors do you see? What sounds do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel?

Gather Your Supplies

- What materials can show those colors, sounds, smells, and feelings?
- What do you have around you? Instead of paper, you could use an empty cereal box. Instead of paint, try food coloring or even coffee! Take a walk and look for inspiration in nature.

Start Making

- Dive in! Make a mark and then add to it. You can start with a shape or a color or you can start with a more realistic drawing or a photo.
- Look at the artists' work and videos for inspiration if you get stuck.
- Experiment! What happens if you draw over a photo? Or glue a leaf to a painting? Or sprinkle sand in paint?

Revise or Edit Your Work

- Take a step back and look at your work. What stands out? Where does your eye move?
- Is there anything you could change or add to better tell your story?

Let's Reflect

How does your artwork tell your story?
What are you most proud of in your work?
What media did you use?

How did you combine different media and materials in one artwork?

Share your work!

We'd love to see what you make! Share it on social media and include #seewhereittakesyou