

SESSION 3.1: ART ACTIVITY - CREATE COMMEMORATIVE ART - 40 minutes

What You Need:

- Photograph
- Paper
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Pen
- Eraser

How to Make a Grid:

1. Print out your photograph at the size you want your finished artwork.
2. Decide on the best grid spacing for your drawing. Try a ½” grid.
3. Draw the grid on your printed photo. Pen works best so you can see it on top of the photograph.
4. Label the boxes on the sides of the grid. Try A,B,C on the left and right sides and 1, 2, 3 on the top and bottom.
5. Draw the same grid (in light pencil) on a blank piece of paper.

How to Begin Drawing:

1. Begin drawing on your blank grid.
 - Pick a place to start. It can be anywhere.
 - Look at the box that contains your starting point and find the corresponding box on the original photo. Copy the outline in that box.
2. Follow the outline from box to box, using the grid labels to help you know where you are. Working left to right sometimes works best.
3. Draw all the large shapes (outlines) first. Try to have your lines meet up.
4. Begin adding the details. If it is a person the hair, eyes, ears, etc.
5. Now that your drawing is finished, check it against the original photo, box by box.

How to Finish Your Drawing:

1. Now erase the grid. You may need a very small eraser.
2. Now that your drawing is finished, you may want to consider painting or using colored pencil to make it even better!

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“The Ideal of Freedom” mural by Stephen Cornelius Roberts, artist.

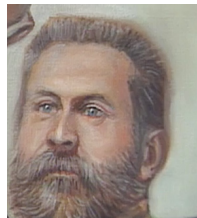


Photograph



Painting

Susette La LaFlesche Tibbles, “Bright Eyes” ca. 1880s.
Standing Bear’s interpreter during his trial in 1879.
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General George Crook, 1889.
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