

Graffiti Tag Memory Collage

Lesson Plan

Description

Students will design a graffiti tag inspired by an important memory or place. They will create a faux brick wall on red construction paper to tag using printmaking techniques. They will use lettering and collage to complete their project.

LEVEL

Beginner

AREAS OF STUDY

Identity Collage Street Art

COLLECTIONS

Contemporary Street Art



Lesson Objectives

- ✓ Students will learn about graffiti art by comparing and contrasting images from notable graffiti and street artists.
- ✓ Students will use printmaking techniques to create a faux brick wall for the background.
- ✓ Students will select a descriptive word symbolizing an important place or event in their home, school, or community.
- ✓ Students will create bubble letters illustrating a word in the style of a graffiti tag.
- ✓ Students will add meaning to the artwork by adding details.
- ✓ Students will investigate the messages created by other classmates' artwork through a group critique.

Teaching Strategies

- Facilitate a conversation about graffiti as an art form and introduce graffiti tags
- Guide students in selecting a word symbolizing an important place or event in their home, school, or community life.
- Introduce the think, pair, share activity, and assist students in selecting an event or memory and a descriptive word.
- Demonstrate how to use a sponge to print a repeated brick background pattern.
- Model how to create bubble letters and assemble the collaged elements of the artwork.
- Facilitate a class critique focusing on how the event or memory was communicated in the word.

Time Requirements

TEACHER PREP TIME

10 minutes

DEMONSTRATION TIME

15 minutes

STUDENT STUDIO TIME

1 hour and 20 minutes

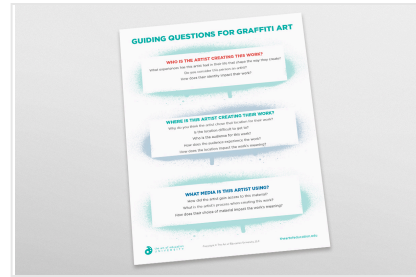
Supplies and Materials

- Red construction paper
- Rectangular kitchen sponge
- Acrylic or tempera paint (maroon & white)
- Collage papers (various colors & textures)
- Pencil & eraser
- Scissors & glue
- Permanent marker

Steps

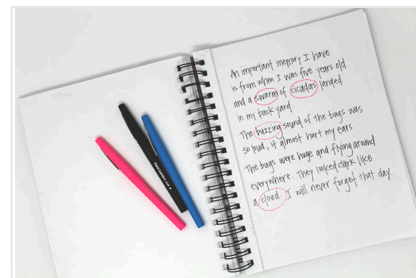
1 Learn About Graffiti

Learn about graffiti as an art form.



2 Select a Significant Word

Recall a meaningful memory or place through a peer-to-peer think, pair, share activity. Write that memory in a sketchbook or on the supporting resource. Select a descriptive word from the writing to use as the graffiti tag.



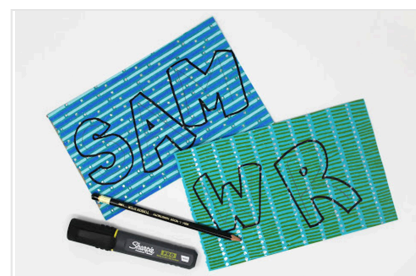
3 Print the Background

Dip a rectangular sponge into maroon paint and gently press it onto the construction paper. Repeat this process creating staggered rows of faux printed bricks.



4 Create the Tag Letters

Write selected letters on collage papers with a pencil using regular handwriting. Draw around each letter creating space and the dimension of a tag letter using a permanent marker.



Steps Continued

5 Cut Out the Collage Letters

Cut out each letter carefully using scissors. Add highlights or shadows to the letters with a permanent marker or white paint, if desired.



6 Assemble the Graffiti Tag Collage

Arrange the letters to create an overlap. Add details such as other collage elements or additional drawings to enhance the meaning of the artwork.



National Standards

RESPONDING

VA:Re.7.2.4a Analyze components in visual imagery that convey messages.

CONNECTING

VA:Cn10.1.3a Develop a work of art based on observations of surroundings.

CREATING

VA:Cr3.1.3a Elaborate visual information by adding details in an artwork to enhance emerging meaning.