

1. Let's Draw and Write! Found Objects Inspire

[For ages 8+]

Goals

1. To find inspiration in everyday objects
2. To create a drawing with a story
3. To write words that represent the drawing
4. To use your sense of touch

Materials: Paper, glue, scissors, pencil, oil pastel, found objects

Preparation

Collect objects from your home and/or your surroundings. Think about the multiple stories around this object such as – how you use it, where it came from, how it was made, why it may be important to someone

Find a box large enough to hold the object and cut a hole at the top

Activities

Part 1: Guessing Game

- Place an object inside the box [Make sure someone else chooses and places the object]
 - Identify the texture and shape with your fingers. Take turns with your friends.
 - Guess what it is together!
 - Open the box and see if you are right!

Part 2: Draw Your Story

- Draw the object by paying close attention to the details, such as shape, texture, patterns, color—you can choose to draw it large or small
- Think about a story around this object
 - Where is the object?
 - Who are characters around the object?
 - What is happening?

Part 3: Write Words To Your Story

- Create a stack of small pieces of empty paper. Each paper is for one word.
- Write the names of objects, people, and/or places in your drawing. These are nouns. Write each word in as many languages as you know.
- Write a verb or many verbs that show what is happening in your drawing. Write the word in as many languages as you know.
- Write sentences that combine the nouns and verbs to tell us what is happening in your drawing.

Part 4: Display

- Hang the drawing with your sentence!

- Create two sections on the wall labeled—‘Nouns’ and ‘Verbs’. Place your words in the correct category.

Reflect

Does the drawing help you to read and understand the sentence? Do the words help you understand the drawing? What do you think happens next in your or your friends’ story?