

Giraffes Can't Dance

Objectives

1. Students will listen to the book *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae.
2. Students will draw a giraffe doing a dance move.
3. Students will do their best while using scissors.
4. Students will create a background using new tempera paint techniques.
5. Students will write about their artwork.

Standards

Historical, Social, Cultural Context:	A		C	
Expression and Communication:	A	B	C	D Analyzing and Creative
Responding:	A	B	C	
Valuing the Arts/Aesthetic Reflection:	A			
Connections, Relationships, Applications:			B	

Materials

- 12x18 white paper
- Tempera Paint
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paint Brushes

Procedures: Part 1

1. Introduce project and read *Giraffes Can't Dance* to the class.
 1. Demo how to draw a giraffe on the chalkboard.
 2. How to make it look like the giraffe is dancing.
2. Studio work – Students draw giraffe on large drawing paper. Paper must be vertical.
 1. If drawing is finished, it can be colored neatly with colored

pencils.

3. Cleanup.

Procedures: Part 2

1. Review important parts of lesson.
2. Demonstrate how to push harder with colored pencil to make sure giraffe is brightly colored.
3. Studio time. Students should have giraffe colored by the end of class
4. Cleanup

Procedures: Part 3

1. Demonstration of background techniques with tempera.
 1. On large paper, draw a circular moon near the top and draw a horizon line.
 2. Paint the grass yellow first.
 3. Paint the sky either dark blue or purple, leaving the moon blank.
 4. Using white paint, start in the center of the moon and in a circular motion, move the brush out to make the moon look like it is shining.
 5. Paint green over the yellow grass. While it is still wet, use the back of the brush to scrape away some of the green paint. This will make the grass.
2. Studio time.
3. Cleanup. All work will go in the drying rack.

Procedures: Part 4

1. Studio time.
 1. Cut out giraffes neatly.
 2. Glue them to the background.
 3. Complete an artist statement when finished.
2. Cleanup.

Reflections: