

Cityscape Collage Art Literacy Project

Inspired by Jacob Lawrence

Students will create a collage of a cityscape using geometric shapes.

Vocabulary

Collage: an artistic composition made of various materials (such as paper, cloth, or wood) glued on a surface.

Supplies:

Black construction paper	Colored construction paper
Scissors	Pencil
Sharpies	Glue sticks
Trays	

Setup notes

- Mats may be used to protect student desks from glue.
- Ensure a small amount of shapes are pre-cut to get students started, but provide sheets of paper as well to allow them to cut their own shapes. For K-1, you may want to cut additional shapes ahead of time.

The Project

- Have students write their name and grade on the back of a piece of construction paper to be their base.
- Cut many shapes to overlap and build up a cityscape. Think about doors, windows, streets, people.
- Glue the pieces to the base construction paper.
- Use a pencil, if needed, to add details, not too much, it should be simple.

Clean up & Display

- Attach a small piece of black construction paper to student artwork to affix student labels.
- Collect paper scrapes/leftover shapes in trays to use for future classes.
- Hang on class gallery wall.