

Talking Canvas

Artist: Romare Bearden

Grade: TK

Student Materials

Crayons

PTO Provided Materials

Paper, instrument stickers, books (2)

Introduction

1. Students gather on the carpet.
2. **1 Volunteer:** Introduce artist Romare Bearden.
Show picture on document camera.
Read the book *Romare Bearden Collage of Memories*.
3. **Other Volunteers:** Pass out paper.
Set out stickers so kids can pick from them.

Activity

*NOTE crayon drawing, not a water color due to timing

1. **Explain:** today we get to make our own drawings inspired by Romare Bearden.
2. **Model:** complete an example on the document camera.
 - I am going to start by drawing the people I love most in my life. I will draw myself and _____ and _____. Using my pencil I am drawing my loved ones.
 - Then I will think about what instrument I want them to play. The instruments we will play are _____, _____ and _____.
 - I am going to stick one instrument to each person.
 - Now I am going to fill in the background using crayons.
 - Ask students: Before we go back to your table spot, think about who you will draw and what instrument you'd like them to play.
3. Dismiss a few kids at a time to pick out stickers for their drawings and go to their desk spot.
4. **Assist:** volunteers walk around and assist students getting the backs off of their stickers and completing their work.

If students finish early: they can make another one depicting different people/instruments.

