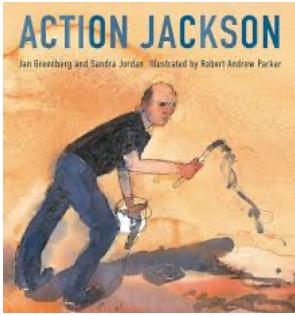


# Talking Canvas



**Artist:** Jackson Pollock

**Grade:** TK

## Student Materials

none

## PTO Provided Materials

Paper plates, paints, paintbrushes (an assortment for each kiddo), paper, book

## Introduction

Touch base with teacher: Where is the best place for paintings to dry?

1. Have students sit at the carpet. One volunteer introduces our artist Jackson Pollock (show picture on the document camera), then read the book Action Jackson.
2. The other volunteers assist in getting materials ready (passing out paper, paints, and paintbrushes).

## Activity

3. After reading ask: Why do you think they call him Action Jackson? **His paintings are done through action! Dancing, tossing, etc.**
  4. Explain: Today we get to make our own paintings inspired by Jackson Pollock. Each of you will get one set of paints, a paper towel, a piece of large paper, and paintbrushes.
  5. Before we go back to our table spot, lets think about what we might want to represent in our painting. It may be a place or a feeling like in Pollock's paintings.
    1. Show painting 1 on the document camera: **Look at this painting, it is called. What does it make you think of or feel?**
    2. Repeat with painting 2 and 3.
  6. Now you get to decide what feelings or places you want to paint! Remember, our paintbrushes are tools not toys. We are going to do our best work and try to keep the paint on our paper. But remember, you can mix colors and make lines anyway you would like!
  7. Dismiss students to their table spots.
  8. All volunteers assist with students.
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9. If students finish early they can have a piece of scratch paper and color using lines and movement like Pollock.

## Artwork Information

Title	Blue (Moby Dick)
Artist	Jackson Pollock
Date	1943
Medium	Gouache and ink on composition board
Dimensions	18 3/4 x 23 7/8 in.
Art Movement	Abstract Expressionism
Current Location	Ohara Museum of Art, Kurashiki, Japan



## Artwork Information

Title	Number 8, (detail)
Artist	Jackson Pollock

Date	1949
Medium	enamel,oil,canvas
Art Movement	Action painting
Current Location	Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY, US

Title	Echo (Number 25)
Artist	Jackson Pollock
Date	1951



