READ ME A PICTURE

GALLERY

Tempe Center for the Arts

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Read Me a Picture is a three-lesson mini unit plan designed in conjunction with the exhibition of the same name that highlights nine Arizona children's book illustrators at the Gallery at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

Read Me a Picture Exhibition Preview PowerPoint

Themes

- Theme in Life: Our world is filled with words and pictures that give us information.
- Theme in Art: Artists use words and pictures to tell stories and share ideas.

Key Questions

What subject matter and symbols do you see?

How do some artists show things in realistic detail and other artists simplify them?

Community Connections

All around us, on TV, on the Internet and on the streets of our communities, we are confronted with verbal and pictorial messages. Artists, designers and advertisers use words and pictures to capture attention, entertain and sell products, services and ideas.

Activities

Pre-visit classroom activity: Reading Words and Pictures (pdf)
TCA Activity: Exploring How Pictures Tell Stories at the Tempe Center for the Arts (pdf)
Post-Visit Classroom Activity: Making My Own Book (pdf)

Resources

Preview the Read Me a Picture Exhibition PowerPoint
Reading Words and Pictures PowerPoint
Exploring Words and Pictures at the Tempe Center for the Arts (pdf)
Making My Own Book PowerPoint
Questor Questions.pdf

Web Resources

Degrees of Abstraction
This presentation uses landscapes from the Minneapolis Institute of Art and Walker Museum to introduce different degrees of abstraction in art. (Click "Present" to begin.)

Supplies
11-inch x 17-inch paper (or other rectangular paper)
Markers
Crayons
Pencils
Scissors
Ruler
Rubber stamps

Optional items for binding
Rubber bands, ribbon, yarn or string
Bamboo skewers for spine support

Credits
Anne Coe
Shonto Begay
Molly Schaar Idle
Ken and Sylvia Marantz
Jamie Watts' students at Ironwood High School in the Peoria Unified School District.
Trader Joe's of Tempe

Estimated Time
Previsit Lesson = 30 to 60 minutes
TCA Visit Lesson = Field Trip
Postvisit Lesson = 180 to 300 minutes