

Sunset Silhouettes

4th - 5th Grade



Materials Needed:

Display My Art drawing paper; sample pictures of sunsets; pencil; soft paintbrush; yellow, orange, pink, purple & blue craft/acrylic paints, black craft/acrylic paint or magic markers

Instructions:

1. CREATING SUNSET SKY BACKGROUND: Show children examples of sunset pictures. Tell them to notice how the sky changes colors: from oranges to yellows, from pinks to purples. Provide sunset colored craft paints for them. Have them paint bright strokes of the sunset colors on their paper. Have them brush along the edges of the different colors with moistened paintbrushes to blend the colors into each other. Allow paper to dry overnight. *** Please be careful **NOT** to saturate paper with water when blending colors! This could cause paper to buckle and possibly make it unscannable.
2. DRAWING TREE SILHOUETTE: VERY LIGHTLY in pencil, have child draw an OUTLINE ONLY of the subject they wish to have for their silhouette on top of their sunset colored paper. The silhouettes will be shapes ONLY, no shading will be necessary. Make sure to have them add a land or water mass across the bottom of page so their subject has a base to stand/float on, OR they could have buildings stretched across the bottom. Fill in the ENTIRE silhouetted shapes with black paint (or black magic marker). Allow paper to dry overnight again.
3. DON'T FORGET TO PUT STUDENT NAME AND YEAR ON THE DRAWING, at least one inch away from outside border.