

Shared Ink Drawing Inspired by "Where the Wild Things Are"

By Paula Briggs

This resource forms part of a series which enables primary-aged children to explore drawing and making inspired by Maurice Sendak's *"Where the Wild Things Are"*. [See all the resources in this series here.](#)

In this session (the 2nd in the series), children experience working together to create a shared drawing, working with pens, ink and quills. They use the mark making techniques they began to explore in the [previous session](#).



You Will Need:

- Black ink in pots
- Feathers cut as quills
- Sharpie pens
- Black handwriting pens
- Pencils
- Roll of paper (we used wall paper lining paper)
- Images from "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice

Sendak

Time: 1 hr

Outcome:

- The experience of making a shared drawing.
- The opportunity of developing mark making skills and putting them into the context of an imaginary landscape drawing.
- An exploration of concepts related to landscape drawing, e.g. foreground, background, horizon, perspective.
- Appreciation and understanding of why the artist Maurice Sendak used the types of marks he did to build mood and create atmosphere.
- The creation of a line drawing which can be used as the basis for further artwork.



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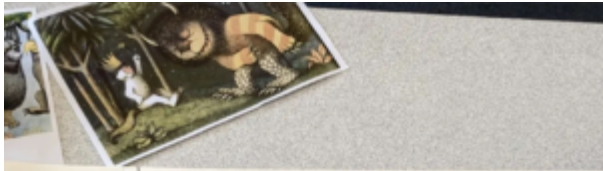


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Beginning with Bones

In a workshop led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray, teenagers make observational drawings of a 1/4 life size model of a skeleton to understand the structure of the human body. Students looked at how artists used armatures, including Alberto Giacometti and Henri Matisse.

Dancing Bones

Inspired by real anatomical drawings of human, ape, cat, lion, horse and dog skeletons, teenagers build 'life size' and 'oversize' collages of 'dancing skeletons' – This workshop was led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray

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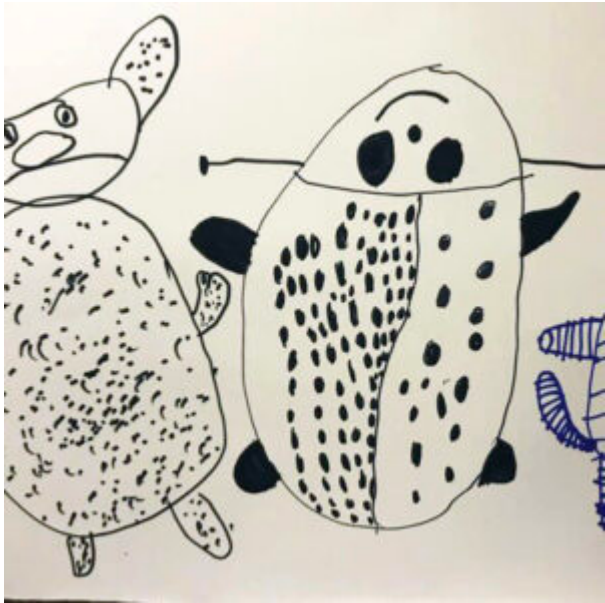
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Working with Ink

In this one hour session, led by artist Melissa Pierce Murray, students explore techniques and properties of Quink and Black India Inks, and how to build up a drawing using the medium.

Magnets and Forces

Secondary school students are likely to study properties of magnets in their science classes, but in this workshop, artist Melissa Pierce Murray, encourages teenagers to explore playful and aesthetic responses to magnets, rather than analytic and quantifiable ones. Using artistic and scientific approaches together aid in developing curiosity and imagination.

The Opposite of Light

Teenagers work with artist Melissa Pierce Murray on a range of explorations looking at light and contrasts. This workshop explores contemporary themes around placement, object and meaning.

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The Winter Tree Challenge: A Combined Sculpture & Drawing Project!

This post shares an hour long session at the AccessArt Art Lab, in which the young teenagers (12 and 13 years) worked on two projects simultaneously: a shared winter forest drawing in charcoal, and a sculpture challenge to make a winter tree. The time and material constraints resulted in an energetic and inventive session. By Paula Briggs

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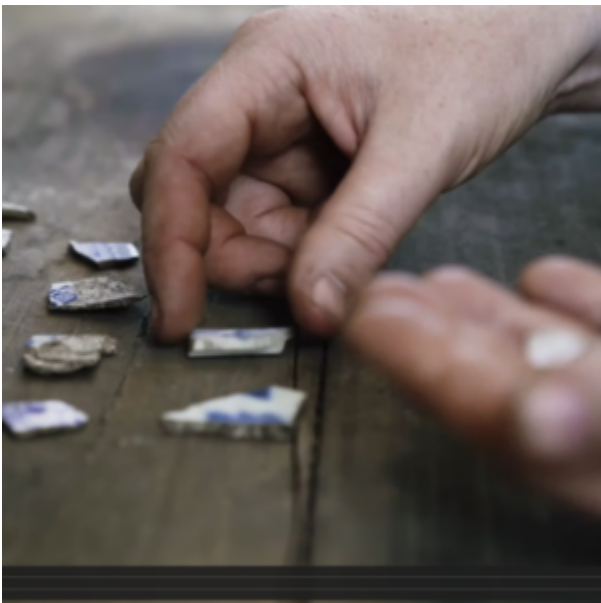
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Sculpture Project Inspired by Egyptian Wall Painting

This resource shares a project which explored mould making, casting and painting in the creation of a sculpture inspired by Egyptian wallpainting, in particular Nebamun hunting in the marshes, Nebamun's tomb-chapel, which can be seen in the British Museum, London

The project can be adapted for use in KS 2 and 3, and can be used to accompany a study of Egyptian Art / Hieroglyphics.

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Continuous Line Drawing Exercise

Many thanks to AccessArt Young Artist Alex Tunstall for composing the music for the video in the Continuous Line Drawing Resource.