

Erin Latham | Session 1:

Faith Ringgold: Collage

List of Required Supplies: Dark blue paper, colorful cardstock/construction paper various colors, pencil, marker, gluestick, oil pastels, scissors, ruler, pencil.

Space/Facility Requirements: Table space, chair, running water.

Student Time Required: 60 minutes



Information on the Artist:

Faith Ringgold, born 1930 in Harlem, New York, is a painter, mixed media sculptor, performance artist, writer, teacher and lecturer. Her works are comprised of a variety of mediums but she is best known for her large scale quilts. Ringgold's artistic practice is extremely broad and diverse, and includes media ranging from painting to quilts, from sculptures and performance art to children's books. Ringgold's work chronicles the history of American people of color and celebrates their lives in vibrant colors and various materials (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faith_Ringgold).

Additional Links:

<https://www.faithringgold.com/art/> (artist's site)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faith_Ringgold (wiki)

<https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/authorpage/faith-ringgold.html>
(children's book list)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1qq14ThieA> (Tar Beach Reading)

Engagement Component:

Have students connect with one another by considering parts of their lives, such as families, favorite things, and experiences. How are we different? How are we the same? What does that mean?

Step-by-step Instructions:

1. Using a ruler and pencil create a 1" border around the edge of your blue paper. Draw lines to create different squares within this border. This will create your quilt edge.
2. Sketch an icon in each that represents you. For example, a book, a heart, a favorite pet or use a color or pattern.
3. Color these with oil pastels, making sure to fill your square with color. Then trace over your lines with white oil pastel.
4. Now create your city for the inside of the quilt, draw building shapes on colored cardstock and cut them out.
5. Construct your city in the center of your blue paper, add yourself and any details you'd like with oil pastels.

