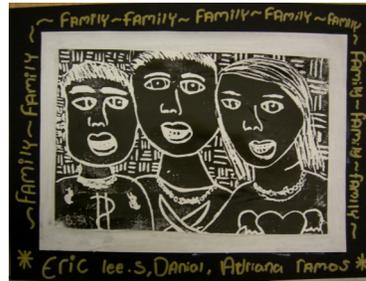


Family Portrait

(Grades 4-8)



Student Art

Vocabulary

Contrast
Line
Printmaking
Texture
Value

Family portraits are a significant part of a family's history. **Student artists will develop printmaking skills by creating block prints of a family portrait.**

Discuss: Discuss the history and significance of the family photo. Have students to bring pictures of family photos.

Cross-Curricular Connections:
Social Studies

NAEA Standard: CS #2

Materials

- ~ 6" x 9" Foam Board
- ~ Water-Based Block Printing Ink
- ~ Brayer
- ~ Tray
- ~ Metallic Marker
- ~ 9" x 12" Construction Paper in various colors
- ~ 7" x 10" Construction Paper
- ~ 6" x 9" Newsprint Sheet



Step 1: Draw a picture of your family on a 6" x 9" sheet of newsprint. Place the newsprint on top of the foam sheet and trace the drawing with a pen.



Step 2: Remove the newsprint and use a pencil to deepen the lines by retracing them. Add lines to the background.



Step 3: Squeeze ink onto a large tray and roll the brayer back forth. This will flatten the ink and evenly distribute the ink onto the brayer.



Step 4: Use a brayer to roll the ink evenly across the foam. Roll the brayer back and forth until the foam is completely covered.



Step 5: Press a sheet of paper on top of the foam printing block and rub back and forth several times. Slowly remove the sheet to see the printed image.



Step 6: After the print has dried, cut it out. Paste it onto the 7" x 9" paper. Then paste both sheets onto a black 9" x 12" paper.



Step 7: Decorate the frame with the metallic marker.