

Marc Chagall: "I and the Village", 3rd grade

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I and Village Activities

Objectives:

To explore the concepts of surrealism and early cubism that Chagall portrayed in his work.

What You Need:

- 9x12 inch piece of drawing paper
- pencil
- markers
- a print or photo Marc Chagall's 'I and the Village.'

What You Do:

1. Read through "About Marc Chagall" and "About I And the Village". Discuss with your students.
2. Start by having the kids draw (in pencil) a line from corner to corner on their paper diagonally creating two triangles. Then repeat with the other two diagonal corners so that they end up with a large 'X' on their paper.
3. In one of the triangles they are to draw the profile of a person. They should try to use the whole triangle for this. In the opposite triangle they are to draw the profile of an animal. Again, trying to use as much of the triangle as possible.
4. In the 3rd triangle they should draw what the person is thinking or dreaming about. In the last triangle they are to draw what the animal is thinking or dreaming about.
5. After they are happy with their drawings they should black line the pencil lines all except for the original 'X'.
6. At this point they can add color. Encourage the kids to repeat colors. For younger kids this can be achieved by giving them a very limited selection of markers.
7. For an extension of this project the kids can write stories about their pictures.

From: <http://www.kinderart.com/arthistory/daydreamchagall.shtml>

Also see: <http://www.csuchico.edu/~mtoku/RF09Art493Sec34G5LP.pdf> for a similar project