



the new children's museum

LESSON PLAN: Layered Landscapes

OVERVIEW

Inspired by:

Roman de Salvo's *Desert Derby*, an installation that represents Southern California's landscape of reservoirs and roads. Students will create a collaged tissue paper landscape with added man-made elements while thinking about how humans interact with and change the environment around them.

Grades:

Kindergarten and up

Duration:

1 hour

HOW-TO

Materials:

- o Scratch paper*
- o Pencils
- o Watercolor paper*
- o Small bowls or cups
- o Paintbrushes
- o White school glue
- o Tissue paper, torn into small pieces
- o Permanent markers
- o Transparency paper*
- o Brads

**These items should be the same size. We recommend 8.5"x11".*



STEPS

Prep + Creating Layers:

1. Mix glue with a small amount of water in bowls or cups.
2. Punch a hole in the corner of each transparency and sheet of watercolor paper.
3. Introduce project and vocabulary: man-made, natural, landscape, collage, and abstract.
4. Sketch landscape, focusing on shape rather than detail.

5. Create tissue paper landscapes on the watercolor paper, using brushes to apply glue.
6. Attach transparency to landscape using a brad.
7. Draw man-made objects on transparency with permanent marker.
8. Share with a classmate – have students discuss what they made and why they made it.