

From My Window

Students will view a variety of works from the permanent collection of the Dixon Gallery and Gardens and discuss times of day represented in the artwork. Then, students will create their own spinning window that can show a changing view of their own creation.

TN EARLY LEARNING STANDARDS

PK.17
PK.CA.1
PK.CA.2
PK.CA.3
PK.PD.5
PK.PD.6

MATERIALS

- Paper Plates
- Brad
- Crayons

INSTRUCTIONS

1. First, students will decorate a paper plate with two landscapes, one during the day and one at night.
2. Students will then lay their second paper plate on top of their decorated plate. The second plate will have a rectangle cut out prior to the class.
3. With instructor help, students will poke a brad through both plates to allow them to spin.
4. Finally, students will decorate their top plate like a window and an interior room of a house.

DISCUSSION

GRADE LEVEL

Pre-K



VISUAL ART

In the Classroom:



At Home:



About the museum: The Dixon Gallery and Gardens is a fine art museum and public garden founded in 1976. American and French Impressionism make up the majority of the museum's permanent collection. Each year, the Dixon organizes and presents eight to ten art exhibits designed to appeal to all ages and showcase a variety of artistic styles.

Guiding questions:

How can artists show that it is daytime in their artwork?

How can artists show that it is nighttime in their artwork?

What colors could you use to represent a sunset? A Sunrise?

What is a landscape? Are there any other styles of art?

LEARNING AT HOME (For virtual students)

- Paper
- Drawing materials

Students will learn about the variety of artworks in the Dixon's permanent collection. Inspired by the day and night paintings in the museum, they will then create their own drawing of opposites. Students will fold their paper in half and draw a picture on each half that represents an opposite (for example, day and night, city and country, winter and summer, etc.)

INSPIRED BY:



Charles Courtney Curran
American (1861-1942)
Evening Illuminations at the
Paris Exposition , 1889 Oil
on board 4 1/2 x 12 3/8
inches (10 1/8 x 18 1/8 x 1
1/4 inches) Gift of the 2016
Curator's Circle, 2016.

EXAMPLES:

In the Classroom:



At Home:



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