

Visual Art/Writing Author Study

Mo Willems

Steps:

1. Review the elements of art, including space, color, line, texture, form, shape, and value. (You may wish to refer to one of these sites for ideas: National Gallery - <https://www.nga.gov/learn/teachers/lessons-activities/elements-of-art.html>; The Getty - https://www.getty.edu/education/teachers/building_lessons/elements_art.pdf.)
2. With students, analyze a picture from Knuffle Bunny, by Mo Willems, asking questions to help them notice the elements of art.
3. Provide each student with a black and white or sepia photograph of a setting (unsplash.com is a great resource) and ask them to imagine what could belong in that space.
4. Students make a list of the things they'd like to include in their scape.
5. Students sketch and then oil pastel their images, and glue them onto their setting.
6. Teach students about phone number poetry - write your phone number vertically down the paper, and each digit will tell you how many words can go on that line.
7. Students write a poem, describing their artwork.
8. Pair artwork with poetry.

