

Second Grade

Title: "She-Ba"

Artist: Romare Bearden (1911-1988) New York

African-American Harlem Renaissance Painter

EALR'S: Arts

1.1.1- Understands art concepts and vocabulary, line, texture, color, value, shapes- geometric shapes (triangle, diamond, square....) and organic shapes, (curvy, natural look, flowing).

1.2-Understands art concepts and vocabulary, principals of organization. (Balance, proportion, movement.....).

1.3-Understands and applies art styles from various artists' cultures and times.

1.4-Applies audience skills in a variety of art settings and performances.

2.1- Applies a creative process in the arts.

2.3- Applies a responding process to an arts presentation.

3.1- Uses the arts to express and present ideas and feeling.

3.2- Uses the arts to communicate for a specific purpose.

3.3- Develops personal aesthetic criteria to communicate artistic choices.

4.2- Demonstrates and analyzes the connections between the arts and other content areas.

4.3- Understands how the arts impact lifelong choices.

4.4- Understand that the arts shape and reflect culture and history.

Text: Romare Bearden is best known for his richly textured collages. Mr. Bearden had wide-ranging interests and abilities. He wrote and published articles on numerous topics and created political cartoons. He designed costumes and sets for prominent dance and theater companies, illustrated books by influential authors, co-wrote books about African American art and culture and composed songs. He was also offered an opportunity to play professional baseball for the Philadelphia Athletics, if he would agree to "pass as white"—an offer he refused. He uses vivid and brilliant color in his collage work and often reflects the Caribbean lifestyle on the Island of St. Martin.

Questions:

1. What is the focal point of this composition, and how did the artist show us that?
2. What colors did the artist use, shapes, and lines?
3. What is the color mood of this composition?
4. What is a collage? (A composition created by gluing pieces of paper, pictures, wall paper, photos or words together to create a new design).