

"View of Toledo"

SPOOKY HOUSE

(Grade 6 Print: "View of Toledo" by El Greco)

Watercolor paint over black ink drawing makes a very spooky landscape for October. This project could be used to illustrate creative writing about adventure on a dark spooky night. The project will encourage students to include descriptive writing in the story.

CURRICULUM CONNECTION: architecture, literature, creative writing, Illustration and landscape

ART CONCEPT: Use of color for mood, lines to create feeling through drawing and painting (EALR grade 6 # 1.1.1, 1.1.2)

MEDIUM: pens, watercolor and tempera

TIME: Session 1: drawing and pen work 45mins-1hour
Session 2: watercolor 30-45 minutes.

GRADE LEVEL: 6

MATERIALS: white construction paper 12X18
Black fine tip felt pens, water- soluble
Watercolor sets with brush
Large brush about 1" wide or large round brush.
Water container
Paper towel
Pictures of houses

PROCEDURES:

1. Show pictures of old houses of various styles. Particularly pay attention to the siding, shutters, shingles porches and steps.
2. Students will make pencil drawings of the basic outline of their house. If they are illustrating their story it should match their description. **DO NOT** put in fine detail.

3. Use the black pens to trace over pencil lines and add fine detail.
4. Talk about what should be in the yard, and where is the horizon? Add these to the picture.
5. Painting with watercolor will smear the pen lines but it really adds to the spooky mood. Do a watercolor wash across the sky. Demo this. Wet a large brush with water and sweep it across the sky. Load the brush with dark blue, black, and or purple paint. Dab or swish it into the wet areas. Leave some areas white for clouds. This is a once over, very fast process.
6. Now the students will paint in the remainder of their pictures and may choose to use medium size brushes.
7. Let the picture dry.
8. Then press them under a pile of large books.
9. Display with their stories.