



Noyes
Museum of Art
STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

Lesson Plan: #NoyesArtatHome

Fred Noyes Project: *Three Fishes*

Overview:

Fred Winslow Noyes, Jr. was an artist, businessman, and collector. He and his wife, Ethel, were the founders of The Noyes Museum of Art. Over the course of Fred Noyes' lifetime, his artistic style changed dramatically from realistic to abstract work. Later in his life, he painted more abstract works, but his main subjects of focus were fish and birds. To honor the 40th anniversary of the museum and Fred Noyes' artwork, this project is about his painting *Three Fishes*.



Project Description:

By using a paper plate and colored materials, create a Three Fish drawing.

- **Supplies:**
- -Paper plates
- -Pencil
- -Scissors
- -Glue
- -Ruler
- -Markers, crayons, or colored pencils in a variety of colors
- -Sharpie or any black permanent marker
- - 8.5 x11" white paper

Steps:

- 1.) Look above at the *Three Fishes* by Fred Noyes
- 2.) As you can see in the painting there are 3 fish in the **foreground**. The **foreground** is a part of the painting that is closest to you, the viewer. In the **background**, behind the fish you can see that there are **geometric shapes**. **Geometric shapes** are squares, rectangles, circles, and triangles.

-What kind of shapes do you see in the background?

- What sizes are the shapes in the background?
- What other kinds of geometric shapes are there?

- 3.) To begin, draw rectangles and squares on the white piece of paper with a black sharpie. Use the ruler to create these shapes. These shapes can be large or small. It all depends on what you want to create, but the shapes should fill the whole page.
- 4.) After you finish the background you are going to take the paper plate and cut it in half. Take one-half and color it in. You can add more geometric shapes, a fin, or a face. Or just color it in.
- 5.) Take the other half of the paper plate and cut it in half again, it should make a small triangle. Color that part in as well. This will be your back fin on the fish
- 6.) After the two parts of the fish are finished you are going to glue the smaller triangle on your paper first.
- 7.) Once you have the smaller triangle glued down, you are going to glue the larger part of the plate on top of the triangle. Glue the larger piece on top of the smaller piece, but leave room for the smaller piece to show.
- 8.) Take a step back from your work to look at it and once you like how it looks you are finished! Sign your name on the front corner or the back.
- 9.) Look at the project you finished! Did you like how it turned out? What would you change? What was your favorite part? Now you have a piece of artwork inspired by Fred Noyes!



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