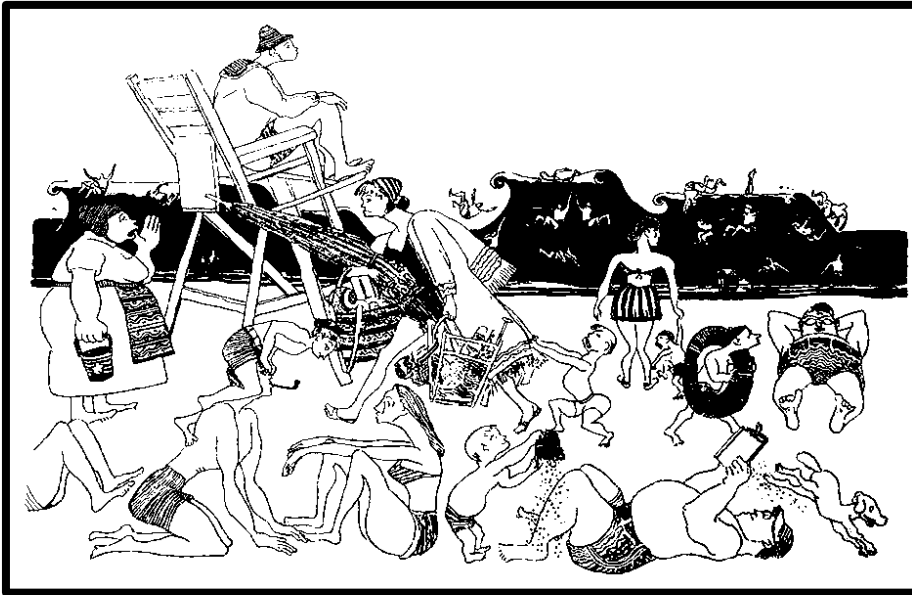




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Lesson Plan: #NoyesArtatHome

Alfred Bendiner *Ah, Summer* Coloring & Drawing Activities



Alfred Bendiner, *Ah, Summer*, 1945, lithograph, 1994.001.002
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Overview:

With a touch of humor, Alfred Bendiner produced lively drawings and paintings of ordinary scenes of people going about their daily lives. He preferred to draw and paint and was known to always carry around his brush and paint kit. As a caricaturist,* artist, architect, and author, he often used whatever was on hand to create his art, producing works on menus and napkins and even using nontraditional materials like coffee and wine if he ran out of water. His work has been included in many solo and group exhibitions and is found in museum and private collections around the world.

Art Projects - Descriptions:

Coloring activity: Print out the Bendiner *Ah Summer!* illustration on the last page and color it in.

Drawing activity: Draw a funny scene of people from your own daily life!

Supplies:

8.5 x 11" pieces of white paper

Markers or colored pencils in a variety of colors

***Definition:** A **caricaturist** is a person who shows other people in an exaggerated way in order to be humorous or critical, especially in drawings or cartoons.

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/caricaturist>

Steps:

1. Look at the Alfred Bendiner drawing “Ah Summer” (see above.)
2. This drawing includes **caricatures**. A caricature is a picture of a person with exaggerated, comedic characteristics. It is similar to a cartoon.
3. Look closely at this drawing. What are people doing?
 - Pick one person in the scene. What are they doing? What do you think they are feeling?
4. Do you go to the beach?
 - If so, what do you do there?
 - What would you add to this scene?
5. Look at people's faces and bodies, do they look realistic or exaggerated? The drawings are **caricatures**, or exaggerations, of people's facial expressions and body shapes. They are meant to be comical. The image to the right shows a woman with exaggerated features: a large nose and a long neck craning forward.
6. **Lines:** What kinds of lines do you see in this piece: straight, curved, wavy, angled, or zigzags?
 - What kinds of lines do you see on the bathing suits?
 - What kind of lines do you see on the the woman’s apron to the left?
7. **Colors:** What colors do you imagine in the Alfred Bendiner piece?
8. Pick colors for your coloring sheet. Think about the color scheme that you’d like to create.
 - Will you use only **warm colors** to make it feel like a really hot day?
 - Will you use only **cool colors** to make it feel like a cold, refreshing day by the ocean?
 - Or a combination of both warm and cool?
9. Fill the page with color! Try leaving as little white space as possible!
10. Look at your finished piece. What do you like about it and what would you change?
11. **Additional Drawing Activity:** Use colored pencils or markers and a new piece of paper and draw a scene from your own daily life.
 - Who would you include?
 - What are they doing?
 - What is the location?
 - Can you make **caricatures** of the people in your drawing (to look funny, silly or exaggerated)?



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