

Quilted Family Portraits

Inspired by Faith
Ringgold

Day 1



<https://youtu.be/h9RKJleFdBu>

FAMILY

Based off of what you watched...

WHAT IS “FAMILY”?

How do families interact?

What is the role of family?

Faith Ringgold

- Artist
- Civil Rights Activist
- Artwork ranged from paintings, to african masks, to quilts
- Explored topics of FAMILY, NARRATIVE and EQUALITY/RACE



Woman on a Bridge #1 of 5: Tar Beach
1988
Acrylic paint, canvas, printed fabric, ink,
and thread



Our project: Quilted Family Portraits

Like Faith Ringgold, we will be making a family portrait that looks like a quilt!

We will select a memory/event/story and write about it. We will then draw a portrait of our family to illustrate the story in the center. The written text and patterns will be the border of the quilt.

We will learn the characteristics of a quilt

Materials: Pencil, paper, colored pencils, and possibly string/needles to sew

We will put all of our “patches” together to form a class quilt and hang it up.

For today...

- Begin brainstorming: select memory/event/story, begin writing a summary of this event. Think of this as a short story.

Day 2

Faith Ringgold
 Woman on a Bridge #1 of 5:
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Based on this artwork, what are the parts used to make up a quilt?

What are the characteristics of a quilt?



Parts of a Quilt

Block: the square section of a quilt (can be made up of multiple fabric squares)

Border: Fabric strip(s) “framing” the quilt

Sashings: fabric strips/pieces framing individual blocks

Binding: Long, thin fabric strips that are attached to the borders of a quilt.

Corner Square: A square that is sewn to the ends of the top and bottom border before added to quilt.

Cornerstones: A name given to a small block that join the sashing strips together to surround a block or blocks in a quilt top.

Patchwork: The art of sewing small pieces of fabric together to make a larger fabric or design

Basting Stitch?



For today...

- Demo: How to divide up your block/quilt
- Continue brainstorming: select memory/event/story, begin writing a summary of this event. Think of this as a short story.
- HAVE YOUR STORY WRITTEN
 - Who
 - What
 - Where
 - How you felt
- Begin sketching family portrait, dividing up block/quilt

Day 3

Parts of a Quilt

Can you name the parts of a quilt?



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Focus on Portrait and Pattern

What is a portrait? What is a family portrait?

What is pattern?



Pattern and Portraiture

- Where do you see a family portrait? How do you know this?
- Where do you see pattern?
- What kind of patterns are there?
- How do they relate to each other and the story?
- Where is the pattern located on the quilt?



For today...

- Demo: where/ how to draw the family portrait and pattern
- Continue writing a summary of your memory/story. Think of this as a short story.
- HAVE YOUR STORY WRITTEN
 - Who
 - What
 - Where
 - How you felt
- Begin sketching family portrait, dividing up block/quilt
- Think about what patterns you want to use

Day 4

Review

What is the name of the artist?

What is a sash/sashings?

What is a family portrait?

Color

- What do you notice about how Faith Ringgold painted the family portrait (focus on the color)
- Look at her use of perspective



For Today...

- Demo on color
- **START ON YOUR FINAL PAPER** (make sure your story is written in your sketchbook)
- Work on drawing your portrait and patterns

Citations

Image of Tar Beach, Faith Ringgold: <https://www.guggenheim.org/artwork/3719>

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Image of Faith Ringgold: <https://www.sugarhillmuseum.org/faith-ringgold>

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Obama family portrait: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/7177680630026751/?lp=true>