

Black History Month Celebration 2022

Lesson Plan Ideas

ART PROJECT IDEAS:

Musical Collage inspired by Artist Romare Bearden

- Begin by introducing our theme: *The Harlem Renaissance- Jazz, Poetry and Art*
- Read the book, *My Hands Sing the Blues: Romare Bearden's Childhood Journey* by Jeanne Walker Harvey, Elizabeth Zunon. (Or, any of our books from the list of book suggestions.)
- Discuss, **what is a Collage?** Discuss, what is a *Collage*? A collage is a picture made by pasting down scraps of paper and other odds and ends to create an artistic image. ([Printable Collage Definition PDF](#))

Glue, Stick, Repeat!

1. **Color** - Select a color palette. (Set your students up for success by pre-selecting the papers and materials you provide for their project. Our school district chose a 'cool color' palette as well as unique, 'building prints' scrapbooking papers, metallic papers and old sheet music.)
2. **Cut** - Depending on your student's age group you may want to pre-cut the paper into small squares. Or, cut into long strips and allow the student to tear or cut into smaller pieces.
3. **Glue** – Using a heavy weight paper, such as cardstock or tagboard, glue your pieces onto the heavier paper with your desired pattern or image. ([Free downloadable PDF](#) of music note outline, or the jazz letter outline, that could be used as a collage template.) Glue sticks work fine. Or, small cups of Elmer's glue can be given to students, with a paintbrush, to ensure a liberal amount is applied.
4. **Repeat** – It is ok for your papers to overlap. Layers provide interest, keep going!
5. **Share** – Display your art in your home or classroom and share with your friends and family what you learned. Cedarhurst would love to see your art too! Please share images via email or send them to us on [Facebook](#).

*Pro Tips:

- As you collage you will come to the edge of your paper or outline. You may need scissors to make a 'custom cut' to be sure your papers fill the entire page.
- Let's paint! You may choose to also provide students with a select palette of 2-3 colors (blue, purple, silver, etc.) *After* they have completed gluing their collage papers, pass out paint. This will help fill in any white areas or gaps between glued papers.

MORE ART PROJECT IDEAS:

- [Create a Musical Instrument](#)
- [Musical Painting](#)
- 'Word Art' – incorporate poetry into a painting or collage
- Look at ['My People' poem](#) by Langston Hughes and the book written by Charles R. Smith and create/illustrate your own version to whichever poem you choose. Create and bind a book of your version of 'My People'

RESEARCH PROJECT IDEAS:

- Research one of the Famous People from the Harlem Renaissance. Create a poster project with amazing facts and picture collage.
- Study the Great Migration and our 'Discussion Questions' listed above to engage students. Create Vocabulary words and definitions. Create a vocab/definition matching game.
- Create a map of Harlem or the Great Migration
- Study the Jazz movement. Research how the style of music evolved and changed over the decades. How did it change and influence other styles of music not only in America but around the world?

**Don't forget to enjoy listening to our [BHM Jazz Playlist](#) while you are getting creative!*



Out Chorus artist, Romare Bearden