

Blue Dog

3rd grade / 3 class periods



Standards

VA:Cr2.1.3

Create personally satisfying artwork using a variety of artistic processes and materials

VA:Re7.2.3

Determine messages communicated by an image

Materials

- Square 1 Art paper
- Pencil & eraser
- Tempera paint
- Brushes & water
- Black Sharpie marker

Instructions

Phase 1

- Introduce students to George Rodrigue and his *Blue Dog* paintings (visit <http://georgerodrigue-foundation.org/education> for great resources.)

- Draw Blue Dog, make sure to include the following:
 - Oval for his head and a large “U” underneath for his body
 - Eyes and add some “eyebrows”
 - Muzzle and nose
 - Two ears and four feet

Phase 2

- Review George Rodrigue’s *Blue dog*.
- Paint Blue Dog.

Phase 3

- Sign name with Sharpie marker.