

Incredible Landscape Journeys

PAINTING or PLASTICENE

CANADIAN COLORS "IN THE STYLE OF" TED HARRISON

YOU NEED:

- Books and art work by Ted Harrison: O Canada , Children of the Yukon , etc.
- Art supplies: White art paper, acrylic or liquid tempers paints, brushes OR Colored plasticene and small sheets of Styrofoam or cereal box cardboard.

1. RESEARCH and DISCUSS

- Find out about Ted Harrison through his books and internet research.
- Find an example of a color wheel and learn about color theory.

2. VIEW and DISCUSS

- Look at the colors in Harrison's illustrations. Can you find examples of:

COLOR CONTRASTS (color combinations that use opposites)

- HOT and COLD colors together, like orange and blue ,
- COMPLIMENTARY colors together, like green and red, or violet and yellow.

COLOR BLENDS (colors that have something in common)

- ANALOGOUS colors are beside each other on the color wheel, like red, red-orange and orange. These colors all have red in them.
- MONOCHROMATIC colors are all versions of the same color: for example: light, medium, dark, warm and cool green are all in the "green family".
- TINTED COLORS are colors mixed with white to make them light, or pastel like.
- SHADED COLORS are colors mixed with black to make them dark and shady.

3. EXPERIMENT WITH PAINT and COLOR MIXING

- Use one large sheet of paper to experiment with all of the following color concepts:
 - Use only white, black and one other color to paint a range of tints and shades.
 - Use one primary and one secondary color to paint a range of analogous colors.
 - Paint a "family" of monochromatic colors. How many versions can you make?
 - Paint hot and cold color combinations. Paint complementary color combinations.

4. CREATE A PICTURE "In the Style of Ted Harrison"

- Draw an idea for a Canadian landscape with rhythmic, flowing lines.
- For painting, transfer the idea onto a large sheet of white paper with permanent marker. For plasticene, draw the lines onto a small plastic or cardboard base.
- Use your favorite color combinations to complete your art work.

5. PAINT A PICTURE "In My Own Style"

- Use what you have learned to paint a picture "In My Own Style !"