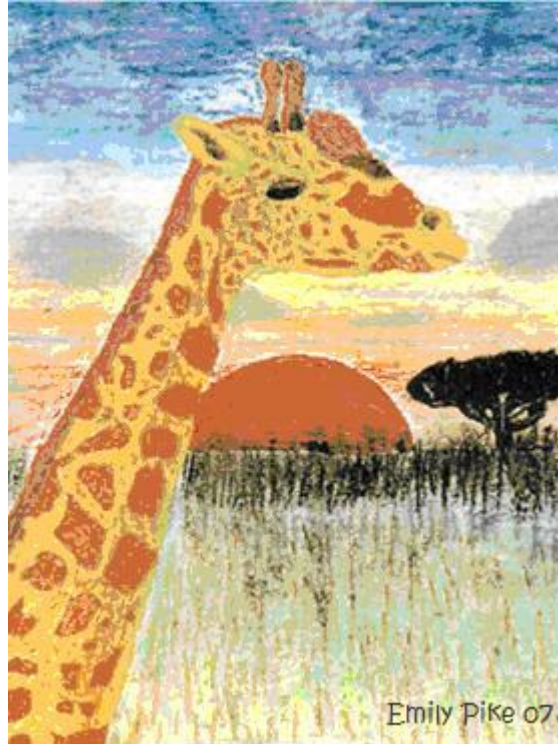


Animals in the Wild

Middle School

Objective

Students will learn about creating a focal point in a picture and creating a background around it.



Required Materials

- Books on animals in their natural habitats, National Geographic and nature magazines.
- 8" x 10" art paper provided by Art to Remember
- Pencils, markers, paint; semi-moist watercolor or tempera paint (basic watercolors not recommended)

Instructions

1. Discuss with students categories of animals from various geographical areas including local habitats. Have them choose animals that are protected, extinct animals, arctic animals or whatever animals they are interested in.
2. Draw lightly in pencil the animal or animals you want to feature as the focal point of your picture. Create an interesting background.
3. Wash the sky and land in very light watercolor. Use several shades for each area.
4. Using oil pastels, color animals and areas you want to highlight. Add details such as grass, clouds and trees.