

Layered Landscape

Elementary

Objective

Students will identify the layers in a landscape picture and recognize which is progressively at a further distance away.



Required Materials

- 8" x 10" art paper provided by Art to Remember
- Pencils, colors of choice (oil pastel outlines with watercolor work very well)

Instructions

1. Discuss with students which is closer in this picture: the tree or the green hills?
2. There are three rules of distance to observe:
 - Size of Objects- Generally, the closer the object, the larger it appears
 - Distance to the bottom of the page- Generally, closer objects begin further down.
 - Detail- The closer the object, the greater detail that it might have (blades of grass can be seen close up)
3. With a pencil, sketch in layers you would like to have. Ideas: grass, bushes, trees, mountains, body of water horizontally, hills, sky with clouds)
4. Outline the important parts, then color or paint in with a thin paint
5. Print child's name legibly at least an inch from the edge of the paper so the name will not be lost in printing.