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Wee Wednesday: Artist Spotlight—Jacob Lawrence

Book: Jake Makes a World: Jacob Lawrence, a Young Artist in Harlem written by Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts and illustrated by Christopher Myers

Art: Builders #1 by Jacob Lawrence

The Builders by Jacob Lawrence

Trifold Collages

Materials

- One large piece of paper to create a trifold
- Additional paper of any size, color, or shape
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Drawing materials such as colored pencils, crayons, or markers



Instructions

- To create a trifold, take the short end of your paper and bring the edge up to the halfway point of the length of the paper. Create a fold. Flip your paper around and fold the other end of your paper to meet the fold you just created. You should now have three sections of your paper.
- Think about what story you would like to tell within your series of three panels. Create three different ideas for scenes, one for each of your sections.
- Create your scenes by cutting and pasting paper and using your drawing materials. To create a repeated element, such as a character or setting, layer several pieces of paper and draw your shape on the top one. Cut out the shape to create multiple cutouts.

Additional Book Suggestions

These titles may be available at your local library.

Jacob Lawrence in the City by Susan Goldman Rubin

The Great Migration: An American Story by Jacob Lawrence

Create Your Own Thinking Cap

To create your own paper hat to wear while you come up with ideas, follow this link.