



Silhouette Cityscape

Middle primary / senior primary

LESSON PLAN

TITLE: Silhouette Cityscape
YEAR LEVELS: Middle primary / senior primary
TIME FRAME: 2 X 1 hour lessons

LEARNING GOALS

Develop skills in line drawing

Understand how to create a layout for a 2 layer composition

SKILLS

In this lesson students will create a cityscape on tracing paper incorporating 2 layers. Students will create a simple silhouette drawing of a city using black marker. Students will then create the background by using coloured markers on another piece of tracing paper and then layering the images together.

MATERIALS

Tracing paper
Black marker
Coloured markers

ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN

Lesson 1

Students discuss and look at the skylines of different cities around the world as well as during different periods in time. What are key features of certain cities? what makes the architecture unique? Discuss what a silhouette is and how to draw one.

Students will then sketch out a cityscape with pencil on cartridge paper while looking at different cities for inspiration. Once they are happy with their design they will place a piece of tracing paper over their drawing and trace their work in permanent marker. Students will block out their whole design in black.

Lesson 2

Students will create a background for their silhouette city which they drew last lesson. On another piece of tracing paper students will use coloured markers to draw in their background. They may take inspiration from famous artworks or emulate different art styles in their own work.

REFLECTION / EXTENSION

Reflection: Students analyse each other's work and discuss what country/ time period each piece represents and how they have come to that conclusion.
Students can discuss how best to present their work (EG how does the work look lying flat on a table compared to on a window?).

Extension: Students can create multiple backgrounds for their cityscape and interchange them with each other.