

Holly B.

Present Day Mona Lisa

Skills: Creativity, fine motor skills, imagination, Artistic expression

STEAM Skills: Art - using creative thinking to re-imagine what the Mona Lisa would look like if made in current time.

Child's Role: Participant

Additional Staff Needed?: No

Space Needed: Tables

Activity in Multiple Spaces?: No

Materials Needed: White paper, blank person outline, colored pencils, pencils, crayons, markers

Activity Intro/Sell it: Has anyone here ever heard of, seen (in person or picture) of the Mona Lisa? Well we know that what she looked like then, but what would she look like if she was painted now? We are going to create our own Mona Lisa's in current fash.

Activity Directions:

1. Show students pictures of The Mona Lisa.
2. On a white board, have someone write ideas from the group.
3. Have the group discuss possible changes they would make to make her seem more modern. (Hair, clothes, accessories, background, etc)
4. Once they list a few ideas have them get either a blank paper or paper with face outline and have them draw their own ideas out.

5. Make them design everything (clothes, background, hair style, etc).

opt. Frame them with construction paper

Wrap-up: Do you think Mona Lisa was smiling or not?

Activity Duration: 25-30 mins

Pitfalls? : Finishing too quickly, Having difficulties with imperfections / artistic frustrations

Remedies? : Have them detail every aspect to fill time, Have them design frames for their pictures, Remind them that artist face failures and issues all the time and they go with that flow.

Evaluate:

They liked the drawing portion but maybe adding textured material to make a unique background would be better.