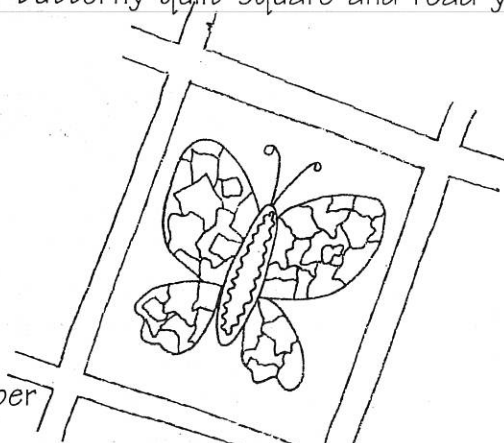


Flutterby Collage Story Quilt

Collage is a wonderful art technique! With a bottle of glue and the scrap paper box, you can combine an art project with a story writing activity and the end result will be a terrific wall size story quilt to hang in your classroom, school library, or the cafeteria. This quilt is really a "gigantic story quilt" because each butterfly quilt square opens just like a book to reveal a butterfly story. Oh! it's so pretty and it makes a wonderful display for Open House Night! How fun to open up your butterfly quilt square and read your story aloud. Here's what to do:

Materials

black construction paper
white construction paper
construction paper scrap box
solid chart paper
glue
glitter glue
yellow (or color of choice) bulletin board paper



Procedure:

1. Cut white construction paper into 9 x 9 inch squares. Students will tear different-colored construction paper into 2 inch pieces and arrange and glue them onto the white paper to make an abstract composition, layering color-on-color, shape-on-shape. NO WHITE BACKGROUND PAPER SHOWING! ALL EDGES TORN! This is called "collage". Let dry.
2. Using a 9 x 9 inch square of chart paper, teach your students to draw a simple butterfly. Your instruction should include the body, upper wings, and lower wings (no legs). Keep modeling step-by-step and practicing until your students can draw a butterfly that is almost as large as their paper. (This is practice, so use both sides of the chart paper.) Save the best one!
3. Cut out the best chart paper butterfly into ONE piece. Use it as a pattern and trace the butterfly shape onto the collage square. Cut.
4. Fold the 18 x 9 inch black construction paper in half to make it a 9 x 9 inch square. Lay the paper down so that the folded edge is to the left. (It should open like a book.) Glue the butterfly collage shape on the top of the black paper.
5. Trace and cut a black body from your chart paper sketch. Glue it in place on top.
6. If you would like, it's fun to enhance the butterfly with glitter glue. You can add the antenna with knobs, squiggle lines, and dots. Let dry.
7. Write a butterfly story using the following *I Like Butterflies!* story paper. Trim the story to fit inside the butterfly quilt square.
8. The outside border of the quilt may be decorated with construction paper vines, leaves, and flowers.
9. Hang it up and get ready for all the compliments! Students can not only share their mastery of the artistic technique of collage, but they will dazzle everyone with their butterfly story, too!

Name _____

I Like Butterflies!