

Art at home

Activity 1:

Ideas for Drawing

Looking for creative ways to occupy your kids that don't involve screens? Here are nine drawing prompts that should keep kids six and up busy for at least half an hour.

- Shade a page with the side of a pencil. Use an eraser to create lines through the shading.
- Create a pattern using the first letter of your name and flipping the letter in different directions.
- Draw a portrait of a person using only 10 lines. Now try five lines. Can you do it in three lines?
- How might you show blue and red dancing? Draw a fight between yellow and purple. What would three colours at play look like?
- Draw what you see out your window.
- If your mood was a colour today, which colour would it be? Make a drawing using that color.
- What would a lazy line look like? How about an angry line? An excited line? A silly line?
- Search for shadows and lights on the walls and floors. What shapes and patterns do they create? Sketch them.
- Sketch an object from two different points of view. How are your drawings different?

Activity 2:

Take turns telling a story about this artwork by Giorgio de Chirico. Then draw a scene from your story, showing what might happen next.



Giorgio de Chirico. Gare Montparnasse (The Melancholy of Departure). 1914

Activity 3:

Florine Stettheimer made this portrait of herself with her sisters and mother. Can you find the artist? (Hint: she has a paint palette in her hand.) Look for clues that show where they are. Draw a portrait of your family. Who and what will you include? Where will you be?



Florine Stettheimer. Family Portrait, II. 1933

Activity 4:

Andy Warhol ate the same thing for lunch every day: a can of tomato soup. He said, "I used to have the same lunch every day, for twenty years, I guess, the same thing over and over again."

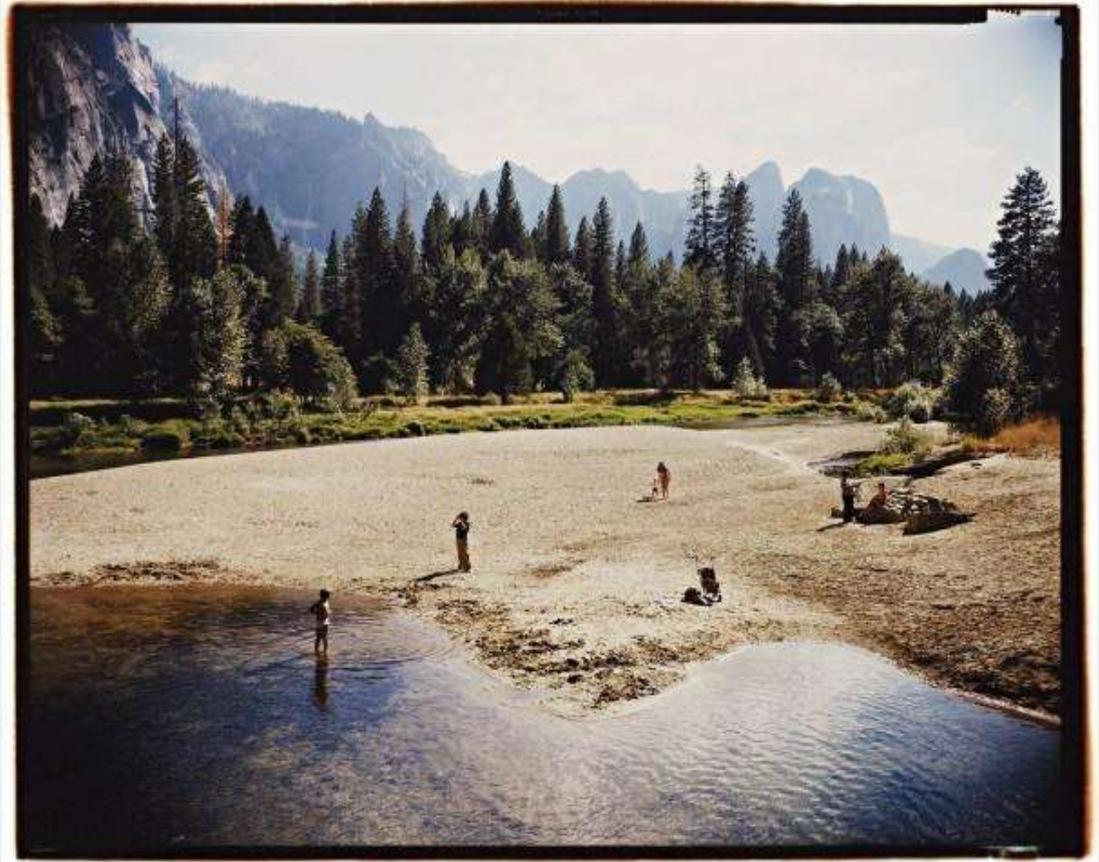
Make a drawing of what you like to eat for lunch. How will you represent, or show, your meal?



Andy Warhol. Campbell's Soup Cans. 1962

Activity 5:

Stephen Shore photographed the Merced River in Yosemite National Park. What three objects would you bring if you visited this place? Draw or list them.



Stephen Shore. Merced River, Yosemite National Park, California, August 13, 1979.

Activity 6:

Imagine yourself in
André Derain's
landscape.

What might you
hear or smell?

What might you see
beyond the frame?



André Derain. Bridge over the Riou. 1906