

# I Can Fly

Grade K, 1

Objectives:

1. To introduce students to work of artist Faith Ringgold.
2. To create a drawing based on an imaginary vision.
3. To learn how to draw a simple figure and fill the paper.

Materials: book: *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold, 9x12 newsprint and white paper, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, wallpaper squares, 11x14 colored construction paper, black marker

Procedure:

1. Read book *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold. Discuss content. "Where would you fly if you could, like the character Cassie, in the book, just wish it?"
2. Tell class to use their imagination to illustrate this special place where you can't get to in any other way but to fly.
3. On newsprint, students will sketch their idea making sure they include themselves flying. The paper should be filled, drawing large to create a good composition. Encourage students to include many details of the place they are flying over.
4. When ready, redraw idea on white paper
5. When complete, glue to colored construction paper and arrange wallpaper squares to make a pattern around painting just like Ringgold's quilts. Save some space for writing.

Writing Component:

When complete, students will write a sentence (or dictate to teacher) about the place they have chosen to fly over and why they chose that place in the space along the wallpaper border.