



Class Collage Activity

In *Copland: A Story About America*, I used flowers as a visual metaphor for Aaron's new, blossoming music. After reading the book, try the following group activity:

Supplies needed:

- A large sheet of paper
- Smaller sheets of paper (white computer paper, construction paper, or even scrap materials!)
- Paint, crayons, colored pencils, etc
- Scissors
- Glue

Directions

1. Begin by discussing metaphors and similes.
2. Looking back at the book, where do the flowers appear? What do you think they mean? Are they each a little different? They represent new ideas, change, and parts of the song. That's a **visual metaphor**.
3. Put on some Copland music (see the suggested playlist for kids) and begin collaging your own flowers! Each student selects paper of their choice. Decorate the paper with paint, crayons, colored pencils, etc. and cut out your own flowers.
4. As a class, add your flowers to the big group sheet. Decorate with additional stems, leaves, and other patterns.

Voila! Your class has a unique visual symphony! Everyone can contribute to a beautiful work of art.



COPLAND:
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Playlist Links:

Spotify:
bit.ly/4tLD48Q



Youtube:
bit.ly/4cxM7mS

