Art Activity

Week #1

Kindergarten – 4th Grades
George Rodrigue's Blue Dog

Drawing guides * brainstorming pages * coloring pages
* directed drawing slideshow * resource links

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Included in this packet:

- Helpful links and Resources
- Blue Dog step-by-step handout (images only)
- Blue Dog step-by-step with written instructions
- Brainstorming List - written (can be copied front and back with visual brainstorming sheet)
- Brainstorming Visual - Images only
- Coloring/Brainstorming page (this could be used as a first step/rough draft or as a form of differentiation for special education students) Can be enlarged
- Directed Drawing - for projection (with written instructions)*
- Directed Drawing for projection (images only) *

* Suggested use for directed drawing: project onto whiteboard and trace over steps while students follow along.

You only need to print pages 1-8. The rest are for slide show projection. Woof!

If you post your students work on Instagram please tag me @artwithmrsfee!
George Rodrigue's Blue Dog
Helpful links and resources

Google Image Search: 'George Rodrigue Blue Dog'
https://www.google.com/search?q=george+rodrique+blue+dog&safe=strict&rlz=1C1GC
EV_enUS835&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjCwufwtqLgAhUom-AKHbFhCzEQ_AUJDIqB&biw=1280&bih=882

Official Website:
https://georgerodrique.com/

George Rodrigue Youtube Channel (lots of videos):
https://www.youtube.com/user/RodriqueStudio

CBS Sunday Morning Feature: (approx 5 minutes)
Great introduction for lesson plan
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gp_UhYOhulA

Information about the Cajun legend of the 'Loup Garou', which inspired
Rodrigue's Blue Dogs (may not be suitable for some grade levels)
http://mythologian.net/loup-garou-rougarou-cajun-legend/

http://mississippiwerewolf.com/Night_of_the_Loup_Garou_Movie_Website/The_Legend.html

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Draw the snout. (It kind of looks like a science beaker)

Add the nose and bottom lip

Draw the head - make the ears BIG!

Add the eyes and inside of the ears detail

Take your time and don’t worry if your dog looks a bit different. It would be so boring if they all look the same, right?

Don’t worry if the head shape isn’t perfect – does a perfect head even exist? The triangles inside the ears are meant to look a bit scraggly...

The Blue Dog always has a funky outline around the eyes. Add those next!

Give this cute lil pup some eyebrows...

Add a similar shape under the eyes as well.

Time to add the body!

Draw a line down from each side of the face. Add some simple paws and bring them up to meet in the middle for the belly.

Add simple back legs/paws on either side.

Don’t forget - it’s okay if your dog looks different - same is boring! Now, how are you going to dress your dog? Get creative!

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Accessories for your Blue Dog

(Psssst.....Even though he’s called "Blue Dog", he doesn’t have to be blue. Make him any color you want!)
George Rodrigue’s Blue Dog

Police officer
Firefighter
Gamer
Vet
Doctor
Nurse
Chef
Barista
Rap star
Musician (any instrument)
politician/president
Waitress
Makeup artist
Snorkeler/ deep sea diver
Surfer
Artist
Soldier
Mountain climber
Photographer
Writer/journalist
Letter carrier
Grandma/grandpa
Baby
King/queen
Hippie
Fairy
Harry Potter
Basketball
Football
Baseball
Hockey
Tennis
Soccer
Boxing
Gymnast
Volleyball
Ballerina
Wrestler/ Lucha libra
Hip hop dancer
Astronaut
Alien
Zombie
Witch
Wizard
Vampire
Pirate
Teacher
Magician
Ringmaster(circus)
Librarian/reader

"nerd"
Superhero
Jester
Egyptian pharaoh
Mad scientist
Construction worker
Clown
Greek god/goddess
Santa/elf
Cowboy
Farmer
Skateboarder
Snowboarder
Skier
Pilot
Dancer
Clown
Masquerade
Robber

Once you develop your idea, think about how you are going to dress him/her up. What will your dog wear?

It’s equally important to think about the setting. Where is your dog? what’s around him/her?

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My Blue Dog is:

Add background and accessories to your dog. Be unique! Get creative!
Directed Drawing
Blue Dog

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Step 1

the snout

This kind of looks like a science beaker.

The bottom part looks a bit like an upside down heart.

It’s ok if the edges are lumpy and bumpy. It’s more natural looking that way!
Step 2

the nose & mouth

Next, add a
cute little doggy
nose with two
nostrils.

Don't forget
two curved
lines for the
bottom bottom
lip.

Easy peasy.
Step 3
the head

WARNING!!!

Do this LIGHTLY in pencil so that it's easy to erase if you need to give it another try.

Remember: Draw LIGHT until you know it's RIGHT.

Make sure to make the ears big!

Add some jagged lines to give the feeling of fur! Creating texture is really important.
Step 4

Draw some "triangle-ish" shapes for the inside of the ears.

Don’t forget- imperfections make it look more realistic!
Step 5

the eyes

Draw the eyes in the middle of the face, be careful not to make them too high up.

The Blue Dog’s eyes are always looking right at you. Add two black dots for the pupils.
Step 6

the eye details

Draw a ring around the eyes. These rings have some points here and there.
Step 7

the eyebrows

Draw two eyebrows above the eyes...and two underneath. Weird, right?
Step 8

the body

Starting from the cheeks, make one line down on either side for the body.
Step 9

the front legs

Draw some bumpy lines for the feet. Connect them in the middle to make the belly.
Step 10

the back legs

Add a paw peeking out from the side...
Step II

the back legs

Add part of the hind leg and the paw on the other side.
Time to Add Details and Color!

Remember-
it doesn't
have to be
blue!

Think about
clothing,
accessories
and SETTING!