REDS BASEBALL PRINT

A SCREENPRINTING PROJECT INSPIRED BY BASEBALL AND ANDY WARHOL’S “PETE ROSE”

Inspired by the books: Goodnight Baseball and Take Me Out to the Yakyu

Grades: Pre K - 2nd

OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES

● Students will pull their own print and personalize the design using colored pencils.
● Students will learn firsthand about the process of screen printing and the layering technique often used in printmaking.
● Students will celebrate the sport of baseball and its local history.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/CONCEPT

This project is designed to teach students about the process of screen printing while celebrating Cincinnati’s local baseball history. The image comes from Andy Warhol’s 1985 painting featuring former Reds baseball player, Pete Rose. The inclusion of colored pencils and drawing allows students to personalize their prints, and therefore juxtaposes the duplicative nature of printmaking.

MATERIALS

Screen, squeegee, 11x17 paper, red screen printing ink, colored pencils.

VOCABULARY

Screen Print – to force ink onto a surface through a prepared screen made of fine material, so that the ink creates a picture or pattern.

Squeegee – a tool with a flat, smooth rubber blade, used to remove or control the flow of liquid on a flat surface.
PROCEDURE
Pre-Class Prep
1. Go to a local print shop, like DIY Printing, to have the image burned into a screen. (This can be done at home, but it requires more supplies. For a tutorial on how to burn your own silkscreen, visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnL_Kj74G8c).

Class Procedure
2. Students may use the colored pencils to decorate their pieces of paper before printing.
3. Student places the paper underneath the screen.
4. Student adds a glob of ink to the top of the screen.
5. Student pulls the squeegee to spread the ink across the screen, making sure that the paper underneath doesn’t move.
6. Student removes the paper from underneath the screen, lets the ink dry, and continues to personalize the print using colored pencils.

RELATED RESOURCES
Use these books to guide the lesson and add more meaning to the students’ artmaking.

Goodnight Baseball
Michael Dahl

Take Me Out to the Yakyu
Aaron Meshon
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES
Incorporate these additional learning activities to enhance the lesson.

Sing *Take Me Out to the Ball Game*.

Take me out to the ball game,
Take me out with the crowd;
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,
I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win, it’s a shame.
For it’s one, two, three strikes, you’re out,
At the old ball game.

Come to the Cincinnati Art Museum to see the painting of Pete Rose in person.