

## MIXED MEDIA PROJECT

Grades 2-4

Students will explore mixed media art and collage, they will create their own mixed media piece inspired by the work of Sea Miller whose work was exhibited in the Crocker Kingsley Exhibition 2021.



### Materials:

- 12 by 16 canvas board
- poetry pieces for background
- bird printout for collage
- glue and scissors
- charcoal and chalk
- pencil

### Instructions:

1. Analyze art from the Crocker Kingsley Exhibition. Examine the open ended quality of mixed media. Look at the range of possibility in the work, from sculpture to collage. Visualize the shapes, patterns, and textures and collage elements you would use in your very own mixed media artwork.
2. On your canvas board, rip small pieces of poems and glue them so they cover all

the white on your piece. The more you fill the white space, the more interesting and layered your piece will become. As you add layers of poems to your canvas, consider where you will want to add your collage and drawing elements.

3. Once you have your poem background, consider your composition, and how you would like to add the following details, birds, charcoal/chalk lines, and powerful words that resonate with your mixed media piece. You can circle words that stand out to you as meaningful.

4. You can use the bookmark provided in your kit as a ruler to define lines in your mixed media art work. Mixed media artists love to combine different mediums together within a piece. How can you experiment with the chalk and charcoal to see what lines and unique marks you can make?

5. You will find a printout with a bird diagram and a page filled with poems in your art kit. Collage as many birds and words as you desire into your mixed media piece. What is your favorite word(s) and why? How did you use them in your piece and do they hold any special meaning to you?

6. Sign it! Carefully sign your name on the bottom of your work. Be sure you date your work as well.

7. Congratulations! Your work of art is complete! Take a photo with your work and artist statement to share with classmates, teacher, and the Blue Line Arts Gallery: [Info@bluelinearts.org](mailto:Info@bluelinearts.org)

This project is inspired by the artwork on display in the exhibit Crocker Kingsley Exhibition, 2021. Artist Sea Miller *Enlightened Neighborhood, Mixed Media.*

