

Through Georgia's Eyes

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Art, Biography, Inspiration

Grade Level: K to 2nd grade

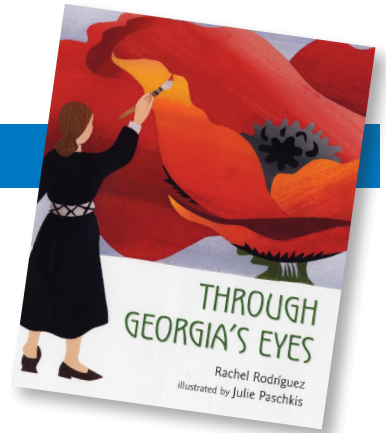
Book Brief: Learn to see the world through the eyes of influential artist Georgia O'Keefe.

Author:

Rachel Rodríguez

Illustrator:

Julie Paschkis



TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make predictions: Look at the cover. What kinds of pictures do you think Georgia likes to paint?

While reading, make connections: Georgia's first memory is of color. What's your first memory?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ How do you think Georgia's siblings feel when she wants to be alone?
- ◆ If women can't be artists, why do Georgia's parents let her take art classes?
- ◆ What does Georgia like to paint? Was your prediction right?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

FLOWER POWER

Ingredients: canned layered biscuits, sunflower kernels, egg yolk, pastry brush, kitchen scissors

Divide each biscuit into two layers. Use scissors to snip around the edges of the biscuits to make flower petals. Press sunflower kernels into center of each biscuit. Brush each with egg yolk. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Enjoy with jam or honey.

BACK TO NATURE

Georgia loved nature. Take a nature walk and find something that inspires you. Observe all the different parts of the land around you. Do you think Georgia would want to paint here? Why or why not? Collect a few items to draw or paint later on.



MAGNIFY IT!

Materials: nature walk item, magnifying glass, paper, pencil, marker, watercolor paint

Choose one of the items from your nature walk. Use a magnifying glass to examine it closely. Pick part of it to draw on a larger scale as Georgia did with her flowers. Sketch the part in pencil first; then trace over the pencil with a black marker. Use watercolors to fill in the drawing.



TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYwKRVJaNEA to watch Georgia take you through the New Mexico landscape she fell in love with.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT GEORGIA O'KEEFE

Georgia in Hawaii: When Georgia O'Keefe Painted What She Pleased, Amy Novesky (2012), *Georgia Rises*, Kathryn Lasky (2009), *My Name Is Georgia*, Jeanette Winter (2003).

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY ★MACYS
©2012 Reading Is Fundamental, Inc.

