Rainforest Animals

Grade: 4-5

Time: 3–4 classes

Materials

- 8.5" x 11" white art paper
- colored pencils
- watercolor or tempera paints
- pencils
- fine tip black markers
- examples of rain forest animals
- books on rain forest animals (Jungle Prints by George Rouault)
- World Map
- examples of project

Session 1-2:

- **Discuss what a rainforest is.** What animals are found there? What parts of the world have rainforests? Show areas on the map where rain forests are located
- Have students choose their animal.
- Demonstrate how to draw several varieties of animals on the chalkboard.
 suggestion: have several "how to draw animals" books on hand
- Have students draw their animal and background in pencil. Emphasize filling in the entire sheet of paper with animal of their choice as the center of interest.
- **Discuss textures.** What texture will the animal have on their body?
- Talk about backgrounds. What is found in the rain forest? Suggest adding other small animals in the background

Session 3-4:

- Have students stare with using paint for any sky, water, or background.
- Have students outline specific details with a fine point black marker.
- Students should sign their masterpiece on the front away from the paper edge

Enrichment: Have students do a research project pertaining to the animal they chose to draw. Have a class discussion about rain forest animals and their habitat

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