

LIVE FROM BRAZIL!



WATERCOLOR ART

Grades: 3-5

Objectives: Brazil is home to the Amazon rainforest, one of the most tropical rainforests on Earth. If you study the rainforest in connection with your virtual field trip, this art activity will help students extend their learning while also exploring the watercolor medium.

Source: Art with Mr. E





Materials

- 15x20 watercolor paper
- pencils
- liquid watercolor paints
- Black Sharpie markers

Steps

We were trying to go around the world with our art, and for South America we decided to do a "Rainforest" inspired picture. We talked about how rainforests are colorful and full of life. We also talked to the students about how things in the rainforest overlap!

- The first step was to have the students draw their trees. We made sure that they placed the trees at different levels on their page and that the branches overlapped at the top.
- Then we had the students draw a variety of patterns in their trees(encouraging them to first break the tree into sections to get more patterns into each tree).
- Next the students traced everything with Sharpie. Then students did a watercolor wash over the whole page. We limited them to 3 colors and encouraged them to overlap the colors, and to keep the paint well mixed with water. We used liquid watercolor, but standard watercolors would work too.
- Last step was to go over the trees with marker. We really pushed them to color each section individually and to not cross over the Sharpie outlines.