



LESSON PLAN

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The Power of **W**ords in the work of **Kay** **R**osen



Girl Talk, Kay Rosen "Hi".

About the Artist:

Kay Rosen has an academic background in applied linguistics, comparative linguistics, Spanish and French. It is not unexpected that she is using language as an image in her paintings, drawings, prints, collages, and installations on walls, billboards, and buildings.

She is an explorer of language and she invites her audience to also explore her puns, anagrams and textural puzzles.

Objectives

Students will:

- Understand that some artists like to use text in their artworks.
- Understand that artists think about the mood or feeling an artwork will show.
- Consider how the choice of words can contribute to the mood or feeling of an artwork
- Create new words from your chosen “word” e.g. **Amuse, Muse, USA.**
- Look and discuss the work of other artists who use text in their artwork.

Set up

Students will use from a variety of books or periodicals looking for words.

In looking for words, the students will choose one word and they will try to create new words by rearranging the letters or adding new ones.

Art process and final product

Learn about the work of **Kay Rosen**

Learn about the work of artists who also use text in their work

Use a sheet of paper to collect the words

Use black sharpies to create a collage of the new words

Emphasize certain letters to bring attention to the meaning of the word

Create an interesting assemblage of words

Reflect and assess the characteristics of your work with the work of your fellow artists

N.C Essential Standards

- Students describe how different materials, techniques, and processes cause different responses
- Students know the differences among visual characteristics and purposes of art in order to convey ideas
- Students use visual structures and functions of art to communicate ideas
- Students understand there are different responses to specific artworks
- Students select and use subject matter, symbols, and ideas to communicate meaning

Resources:

Kay Rosen <http://www.kayrosen.com/>

Jenny Holzer http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jenny_Holzer

Jenny Holzer <http://www.jennyholzer.com/list.php>

Marilyn Minter http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marilyn_Minter

Marilyn Minter <http://www.marilynminter.net/paintings/>

View the work of eight women artists (**Girl Talk/ Women and Text**) who use text in their work to convey a message <http://camraleigh.org/exhibitions/2012girltalk/>

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