How to Make a Collage at Home
Inspired by: Romare Bearden
for Grades Kindergarten to 2nd
Meet Romare Bearden
Romare Bearden was an African American artist who was best known for his collages. (1911 - 1988)
He told stories of his African American culture through his art.
Sunday Morning, 1971

The Baptism, 1976
Step 1: Choose your Materials

- Glue
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Black Sharpie Marker
- Crayons (optional)
- Paint or Watercolor (optional)
- Paint brushes (optional)
Step 2: Choose your Image

- Print off a image of your choosing or...
- Draw and outline your image
Step 3: Choose Paper or Fabric Materials

- There are a wide variety of different paper and fabric materials you could choose from. Pick the one that you are the most comfortable with. Here are a few options:

  - Construction Paper
  - Old Magazines or Newspapers
  - Create your own paper by painting with watercolor or acrylic paint
  - Felt Sheets
  - Old Clothing
Step 4: Decide Placement

- Decide where you would like to glue your paper/fabric materials.

- Mark your image with small letters that will implement the placement for each color.
Step 5: Tear Paper

- Tear each individual color of your choosing into small pieces. The size of the torn pieces of paper are decided by the artists. Try to make all the pieces around the same size.
Step 6: Paste
Repeat Step 6 until complete
The Finished Collage

The torn method

The cut method
Other Collages by Romare Bearden

In Martinique, 1971

Quilting Time, 1981 Lithograph