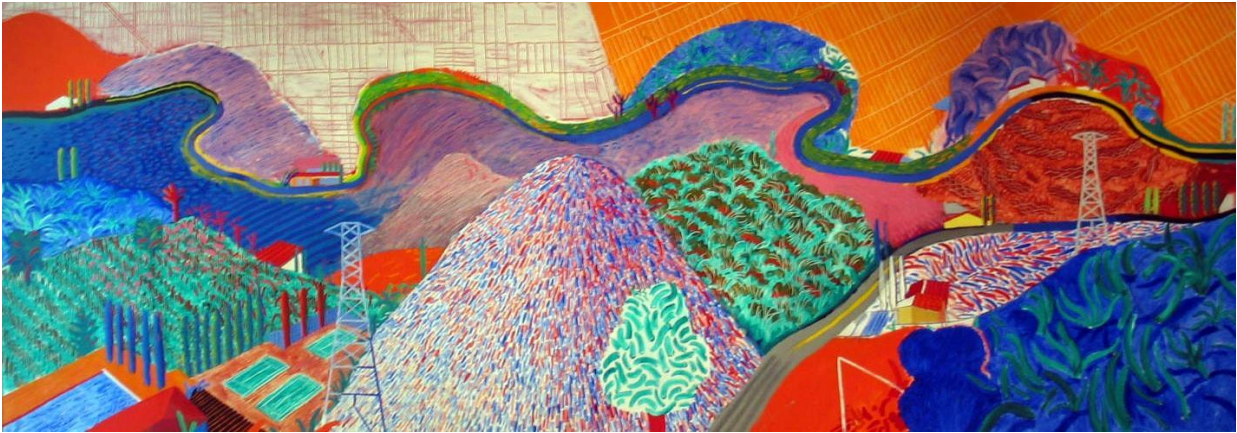


Neighborhood Map



Essential Question: How does an artist use her imagination to create a “memory map” of her neighborhood?

Duration:

Two to three 20-minute sessions.

Materials:

- Drawing paper
- Pencil
- Colored pencils
- Markers

Art History/Inspiration:

David Hockney’s “Mulholland Drive”

Lesson:

The British-born, Los Angeles artist David Hockney used his imagination to paint a large map of the road between his house and studio. This “memory map” designed in the “mind’s eye” differs from drawing from observation and can let the artist exaggerate the colors, sizes, and space of your surroundings. Create a map from your imagination that fills the space between your home and school. First, locate point on your drawing paper where your home will be and draw simple line drawing of it. Second, do the same for your school on the other side of the paper. Next, close your eyes and take yourself on an imaginary walk from your front door to the entrance of your school. Proceed to fill in the map with the lines, shapes, colors, and words that make up your neighborhood. You are free to first sketch out the map in pencil and then add colors, or go back and forth. Include people, animals, trees, flowers, signs, vehicles, and whatever else makes up your neighborhood.