



Let's Find Out About It: Self-Portraits

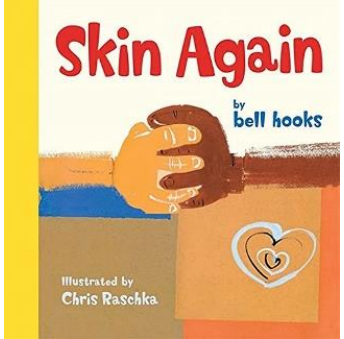
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Enduring Understanding(s):

- There is an infinite variety of colors.

Essential Question(s):

- How do you make your thinking and learning visible to other people?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Skin Again</i> • images of self-portraits (see Resource) • mirror • chart paper • markers, colored pencils, crayons, or other drawing tools 	<p>feature: important part of something, such as a face (facial feature)</p> <p>outline: a line showing the outside edge of something</p> <p>self-portrait: an image of oneself</p>	

Let's Find Out About It:

Preparation: Set up materials. Post the chart paper where all children can see it.

<p>"In <i>Skin Again</i>, Chris Rashcha made the illustrations by painting. What do you notice about the characters he created?"</p>	<p>Show illustrations. Children respond.</p>
<p>"A self-portrait is a picture someone makes of themselves, instead of a picture of someone else. Let's look at some self-portraits made by other artists. These self-portraits show just the artists' faces, not their whole bodies. The artists included important features such as their skin color, eyes, nose, and mouth."</p>	<p>Show a few portraits and leave them posted or spread out for children to see.</p>
<p>Have children turn to a partner, sitting knee to knee. "Tell your partner: What do you notice about the facial features in these portraits? Take turns sharing what you see."</p>	<p>Children respond.</p>
<p>"Chris Raschka painted characters he imagined. Sometimes artists and illustrators paint or draw self-portraits. That's what you are going to do!"</p>	<p>Model beginning a self-portrait, looking in the mirror and drawing a sketch on the chart paper.</p>
<p>"Let's try it. If I am going to create a self-portrait - an image of myself - I'll start by looking in the mirror to study my features - the different parts - of my face. Next, I'll draw an outline of my face. Now I need to add some details to show the features of my face. I am going to start with my eyes and eyebrows. What else could I add? Next week during Center time you can create your own self-portrait!"</p>	