

# Adventures in Art

## Eric Carle (1929-Present)

### Lesson Plan:

#### Introduction

- Who is Eric Carle?
  - Modern artist from the 20th century.
  - He wrote *The Very Hungry Caterpillar!*
  - Let's read one of his books together and then talk about what we see in the pictures he created. We'll also talk about how he made the pictures. Then, you'll have a chance to make your own pictures, using some of the **techniques** Eric Carle used!

#### Read Aloud

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

#### Discussion

- Look at the caterpillar. What shapes do you see? What colors do you see?
- Does the caterpillar look friendly to you? Why do you say that?
- What patterns do you see?
- Take a look at the shapes. Do the lines look smooth, like someone drew them with a pencil, or do they look rough, like someone cut up paper and pasted them on the paper?
- To make his illustrations, Eric Carle used many different pieces of paper. This is called **collage**. A collage is an artwork made up of different papers or objects glued together.
- Eric Carle uses collage to create the illustrations for his books by cutting shapes out of tissue papers he painted and gluing them to thick white board. Let's take a look.
- *Click through to demonstration on Eric Carle website.*

**Art Activity**

*Caterpillar Tissue Paper Collage*

Materials:

- 8x11 White Cardstock
- Non-bleeding tissue papers in red, light green, and green
- ½” paint brush
- No-spill paint cups or yogurt cups
- StayFlo or other brand liquid laundry starch

Activity:

<https://teachpreschool.org/2012/06/21/tissue-paper-caterpillars/>

Resources:

<https://www.carlemuseum.org/blogs/making-art/watercolor-painted-collage-papers>

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/eric-carle-art-techniques.html>

<http://blog.sanfranciscocomusicbox.com/how-eric-carle-makes-his-beautiful-art/>

<http://www.eric-carle.com/creativeprojects.html>