Jackson Pollock: Drip Apron Paintings

Grades: 1+  Time: 60 minutes

Final Product: Students decorate an apron (to be worn during art class) in the action painting style.

Instructional Objectives:

The students will be able to...
1. paint an apron using the action style of painting

Materials:
1. 1 blank canvas apron per student
2. Different colours of paint
3. Paint palettes
4. Wooden sticks
5. Paint brushes
6. Outside space

Keywords:
1. Abstract
2. Drip painting
3. Action painting

Lesson Process:

Introduction (art style, artist, keywords):
Using information provided on smartartforteachers.weebly.com...
1. Introduce Abstract art
2. Introduce the artist: Jackson Pollock
3. Show images of Pollock’s drip and action paintings and discuss with the characteristics of this type of art. Also spend some time explaining to students how Pollock painted in this style: full body movement, splashes and drips of colour, used a stick to splatter paint, etcetera.

Body (art project):
1. Take students outside to a newspaper covered area
2. Place students’ aprons on the ground
3. Put paint shirts on students so they do not get messy!
4. Begin by dipping a paintbrush into a container of paint
5. Hold the brush close to the apron and splatter the paint by shaking the brush up and down in large motions.
6. Add more colours and splatter on the apron
7. Continue splattering paint until students are content with their aprons
8. Students may wish to use sticks to splatter paint (Pollock did this himself)
**Suggestion for display:**

- These aprons should be used for the remainder of the year in art class as their new paint shirts to ensure their real clothes never get messy!