



Grant Wood

“American Gothic”

Artist work should have been hanging in the hall or classroom for a couple of weeks before this lesson.

Open discussion with a description of American life during the time of Wood’s childhood and adult life.

There is a PowerPoint titled “Wood, Grant”, on this site, to be used for the lesson

There are examples of 2 projects you can have the students do. Make an appropriate number of copies for the class. Have them use their crayons, colored pencils, or colored markers.

The projects contain only an outline of the forms from American Gothic. Ask them to fill in facial expressions, clothes, background to fit their life today. Ask them who their subjects would be? Mom and Dad, sister and brother? Teacher and Principal? Let them be creative.

In the second, the students create a parody of American Gothic as described in the PowerPoint.

Please don’t forget the letter to the parents explaining the artist and lesson.