Georgia O’Keeffe Inspired Flower Drawings

Georgia O’Keeffe: was an important American modern artist who lived during the 20th century. She is known for her large-scale flowers and landscape paintings. (Georgia O’Keeffe, Red Poppy No. VI, 1928)

Warm & Cool Colors: Warm Colors are red, orange, yellow and Cool Colors are green, blue, and violet.

Materials: flowers, pencil, and markers, crayons, or colored pencils

Instructions:

1. Look at the flower and try “zooming in” by framing the flower with your fingers.
2. With a pencil, draw a large circle in the middle of the page (move your whole arm instead of just your wrist to get a fairly large circle). It’s ok if the circle isn’t perfect.
3. Then draw the petals out from the circle as big as you can make them. Try to get the ends of the petals to reach the page.
4. Trace back over your pencil drawing with black marker/crayon.
5. Fill in the rest of the flower based on what color the real flower is and describe whether the color of the flower is a warm or cool color.
6. Fill in the background of the flower with the opposite temperature color (i.e. if the flower is a cool color, then the background should be filled in with a warm color and vice versa).

Take it further: Read My Name is Georgia by Jeanette Winter or view the read-aloud version on YouTube: https://youtu.be/hyKvDjug70E (Mount Bethel Art)

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