

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Paul Peterson - Artist

Objectives: Paul Peterson paints images of Colombia to connect to his heritage. Reflect on your own heritage through art.

Tools/Resources: Pen, paper and colored pencils/markers.



Video Clip: <http://www.tpt.org/mn-original/episode/paul-peterson/>

Activity:

- 1) Watch the segment and discuss:
 - a. Why was it important to Paul Peterson to connect with and create art for his birth family in Colombia?
 - b. How did Paul explore his heritage through his artwork?
- 2) Reflect on your heritage.
 - a. Where did your ancestors come from?
 - b. What were the traditions of your ancestors?
 - c. Do you still practice those traditions today? (If you do not know enough about their ancestry focus on your immediate family's traditions).
- 3) Using available art supplies draw a symbolic representation of your heritage.
- 4) Regroup to discuss the segment and your drawing:
 - a. Why is it important to understand your heritage?
 - b. What symbols did you use to illustrate your heritage and why did you use them?