

## Cycle 3, Week 4- Abstract American Flag

### Materials:

- Drawing paper
- Pencils
- Images of abstract art
- Colored pencils and/or markers

1. Discuss abstract art as a class. What does “abstract” mean? What might be the purpose of an abstract painting versus a realistic painting? Show images of famous works and discuss. (5 minutes)

2. Have students picture the American flag in their mind. What kind of lines do they see? Shapes? Colors?

3. Using OILs vocabulary, guide the students through creating an abstract design loosely based on the American flag.

### Example directions:

1. Use a straight line to go from one edge of the paper to another.
2. Using a curved line, go from one edge to another.
3. Draw 2 angled lines anywhere on your paper.
4. Draw a circle so that it overlaps a line.
5. Draw a circle that goes off the edge of the paper
6. Use angled lines to draw a medium-sized star shape.
7. Use angled lines to draw a large star shape.
8. Use angled lines to draw a small star shape.

Talk about balance and repetition throughout the drawing time.

3. Demonstrate how to color well. Outline the shape first, then color in using strokes that all go the same direction.

4. Students color in their artwork.