

3 Easy Art Lessons & Teacher Scripts

from Art History for Elementary 2

Keith Haring



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welcome!

This is a collection of three simple art lessons to explore this artist's life and work. You will not need any background knowledge of the artist – there is a read-aloud script to guide your discussion. There are step by step photos to guide the art lesson, and several pages of literacy activities to integrate writing into your art lesson. Some examples include a directed drawing, a coloring page of famous artwork, a reflection writing sheet, a 6-page mini-booklet for literacy and understanding, and a word search for early finishers.

Each Artist Pack Includes:

- ✓ a read-aloud scripts for teachers
- ✓ embedded questions to guide your discussion
- ✓ step-by-step photo directions for Project 1
- ✓ Directed drawing activities relating to the artist
- ✓ Literacy activities: word searches, booklets, etc.
- ✓ suggested web image searches for visual

let's get started!



Teacher Script: Keith Haring

You may wish to show web search images for: Keith Haring Dancing Yellow

The artist we are going to talk about today is named Keith Haring. He was born in the United States in 1958.

Keith was a big brother to three sisters whose names all started with K. Can you guess their names? (Karen, Kristen and Kay.) Do you think it would be hard to be the only boy with three sisters? Why or why not?

Keith loved to draw all the time. His father taught him how to draw cartoons. He also taught him how to use his imagination to create pictures out of shapes or squiggles. For example, if his dad drew a circle, Keith would turn it into a balloon. Sometimes he would make the circle into an ice cream cone, or an animal's head with a face. Have you ever tried that kind of drawing?

After he graduated from high school, Keith went to Art School. He got to draw, paint and learn about art all day! Later, he began to have his own art shows and people came to see his new paintings. He even was invited to other countries to show his new paintings.

One of Keith's favorite things to do was to visit schools and talk to children about art. He said, "I love to draw with children because they have such good imaginations!"

Teacher Script: Keith Haring

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At a school visit, Keith would roll out a large piece of paper and all the children would sit around it with markers. Keith said, “We would play music and draw anything we wanted.” The kids loved it!

Then, when the music stopped, we would all move over one spot and keep drawing.” Do you think this would be a fun way to draw?

Most of his paintings were in a cartoon style – people or animals moving around or dancing. People wanted to have his artwork on their T-shirts and hats.

Keith drew cartoon people, animals and even spaceships zapping people from the sky! Have you ever made a cartoon like that?

He discovered that he could make it look like people were moving if he added three little lines near their arms and legs. Sometimes it looked like the people were dancing!

*Show students images from the web search:
Keith Haring Dancing Yellow and discuss the pictures.*

Supply List: Keith Haring

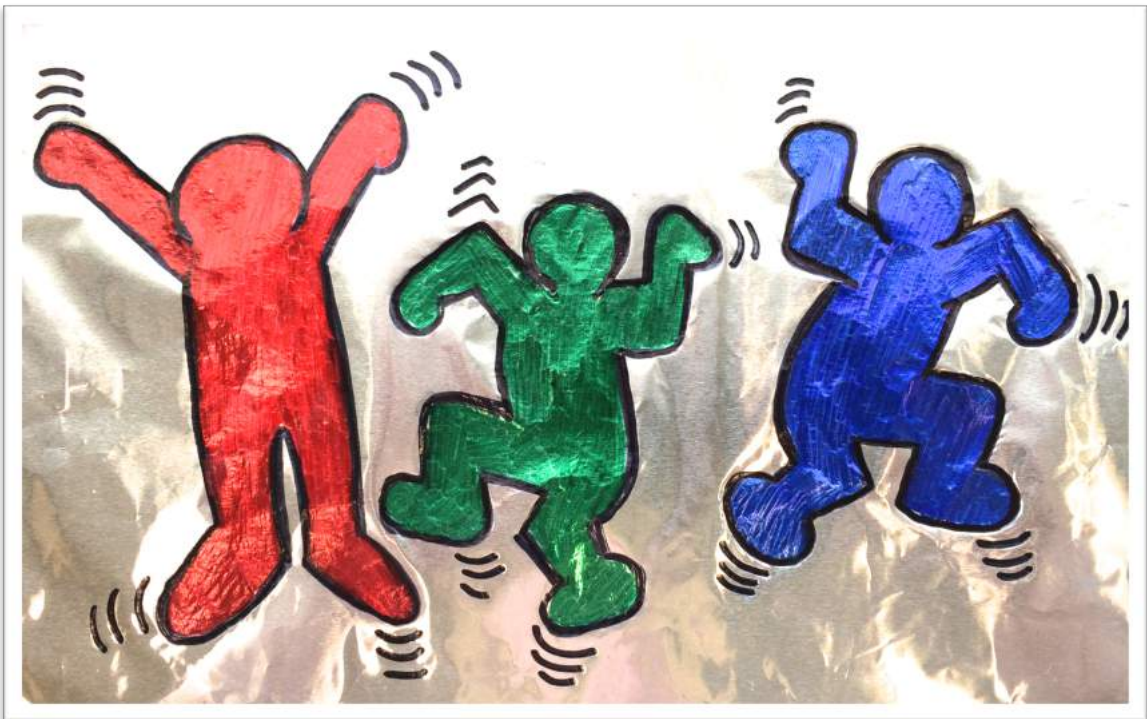
People & Movement Lines

Overview

Students will create stylized characters with movement lines inspired by Keith Haring.

Materials Needed

- 12X15" piece of tin foil per student
- 8X11" piece of cardboard or thick paper per student
- dull pencil or pencil crayon
- tape
- markers



People & Movement Lines

- 1** Gather the materials. If you are making tracers, add thick paper and scissors.



- 2** Wrap the cardboard with the tin foil and tape on the back. Keep the front as smooth as possible.



- 3** If you choose, create some tracers with thick paper for students to trace with black marker.



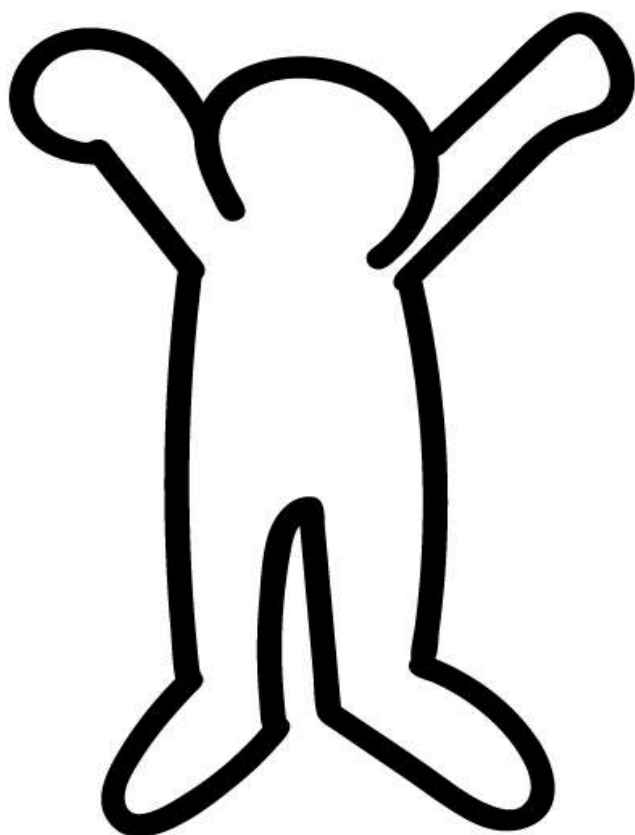
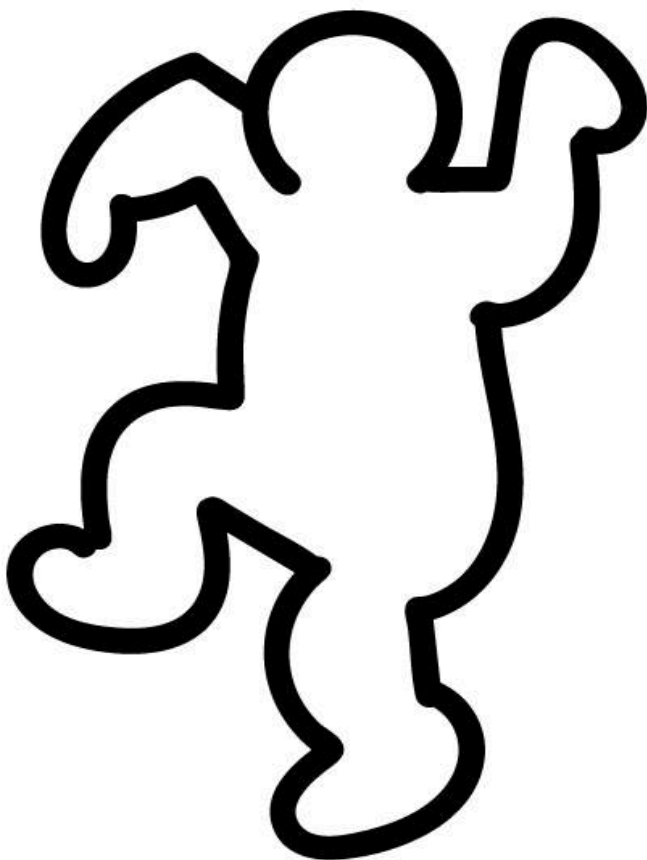
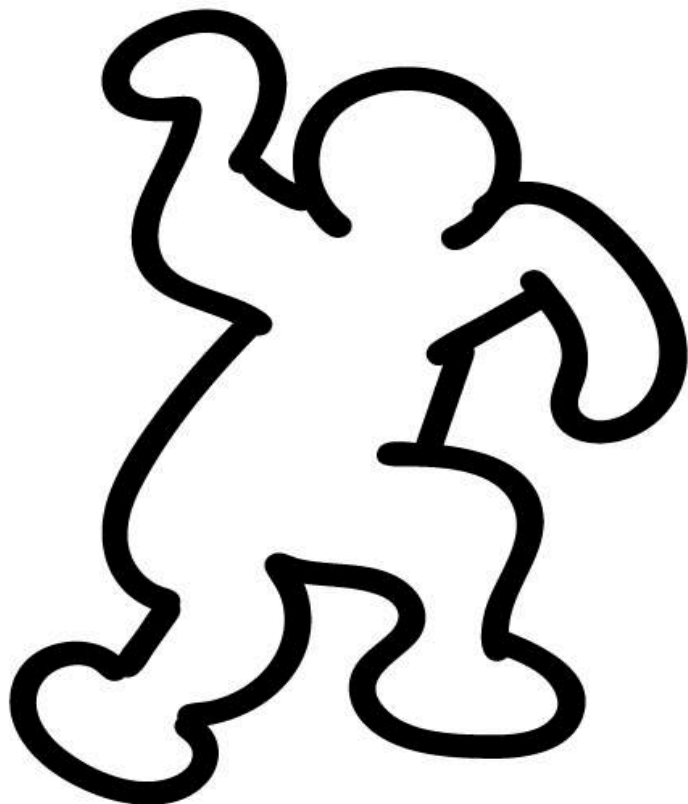
- 4** Color in and add the movement lines.



*Teacher Notes: Most markers worked well, but a few brands didn't cover completely. Sharpies worked best, but are permanent on clothing, so may not be the best choice. Make sure you are using the more shiny side of the tin foil. Remind students that the marker will smudge if they touch it too soon.

Project 1

These characters can be used as reference for students.
They can also be copied or made into tracers for younger students.



Stretching Your Imagination

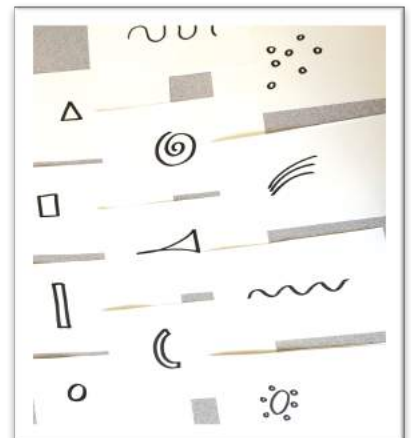
Try turning simple shapes into other things by using your imagination, just like Keith did with his father.

Start with simple geometric shapes, like a circle, square, triangle, etc. Ask students to draw the shape, and then use their imaginations to turn it into something else.

Next, use more random shapes for the same idea. You could even glue a small item to the paper and have students use it as part of their drawing. (ie: toothpicks, leaves, colored paper shapes, objects cut out from magazines)

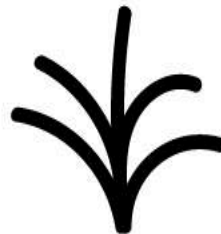


For younger students
you can use the
templates on the
following page as
picture starters, or
make your own.



Project 2

These cards can be copied for students to use as the beginning of imaginative drawings.



Cooperative Drawing: Keith Haring Style

Try the cooperative drawing game that Keith Haring used to do with children when he visited different schools around the world to share his art. You will need large poster paper, markers and music!

1. Use one large piece of roll paper for the whole class to sit around, or smaller pieces with students working in small groups around each poster.
2. Put on the music and draw!
3. After a few minutes, stop the music and drawing.
4. Everyone moves one spot to the right and continues to either draw or color. Continue many times as students move around the poster. Discuss together afterwards.



literacy integration

Personal reflection writing

Drawing/coloring

6 Page Mini-book

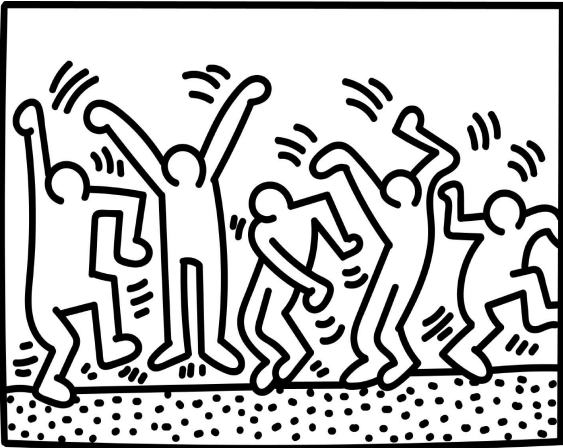
Directed Drawing

Word Search

Keith Haring - Movement

Look closely at the details of the picture. Finish the sentences in each box.

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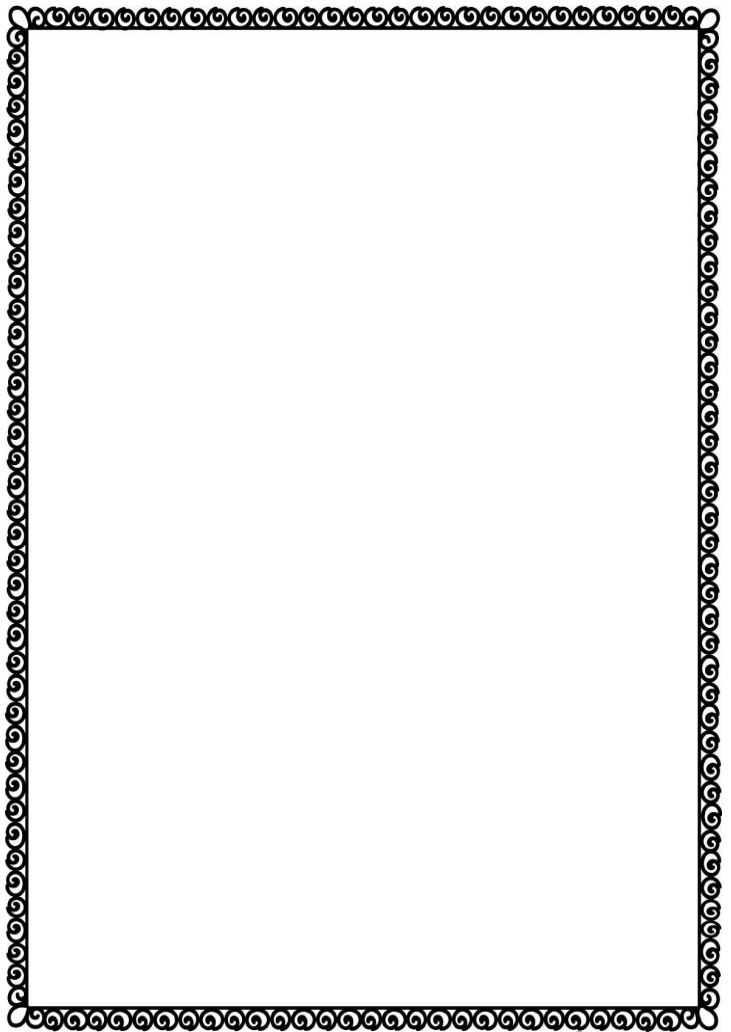


I can see

It makes me think about

I wonder

Draw your own version, or draw your favorite part of the picture.



Keith Haring Dance



Directed Drawing ☆ Keith Haring

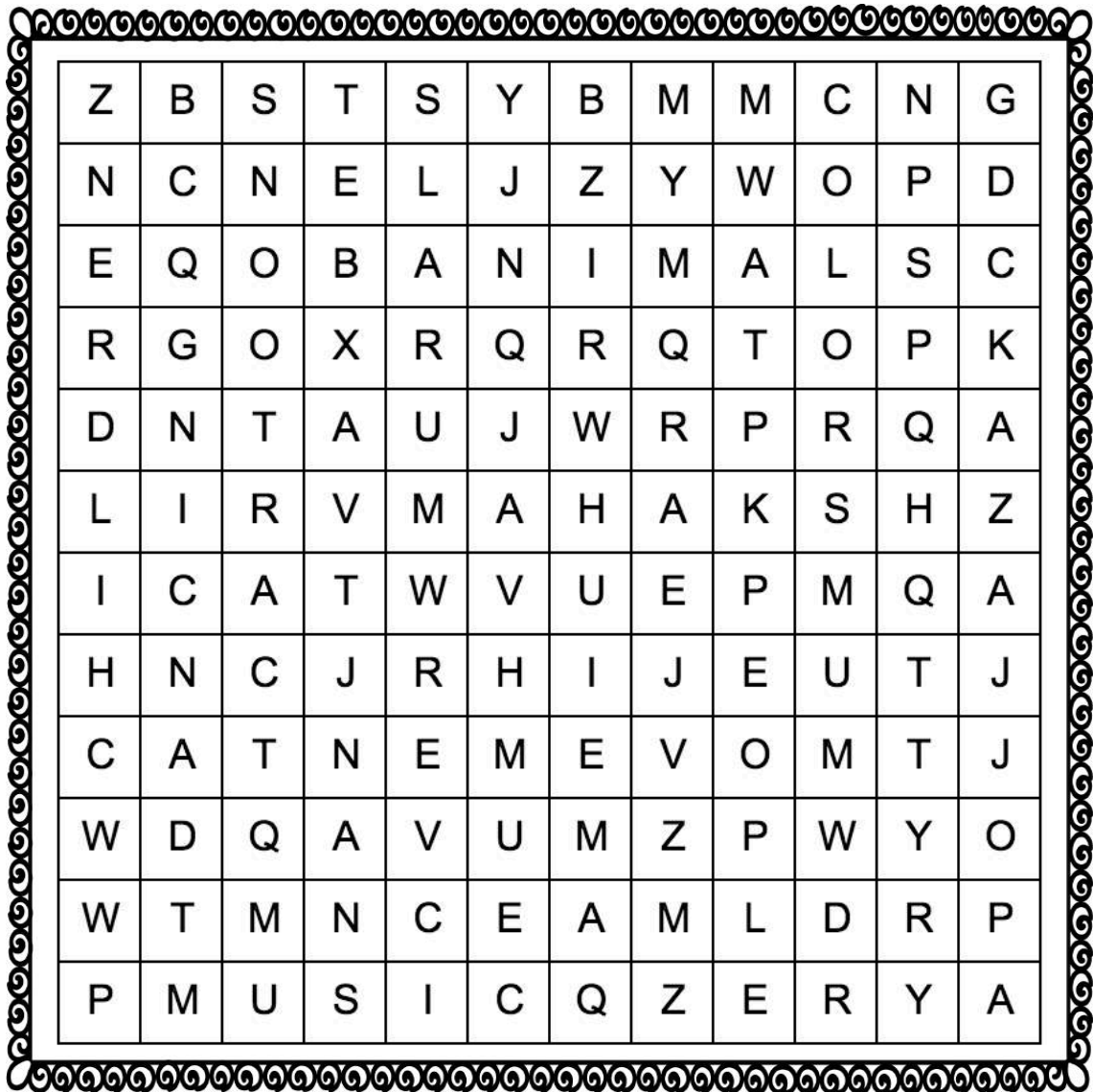


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Name: _____

Keith Haring

Word Search



Find and circle the words below.

Check each box when you find the word.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MOVEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> CHILDREN |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> MURALS | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC |
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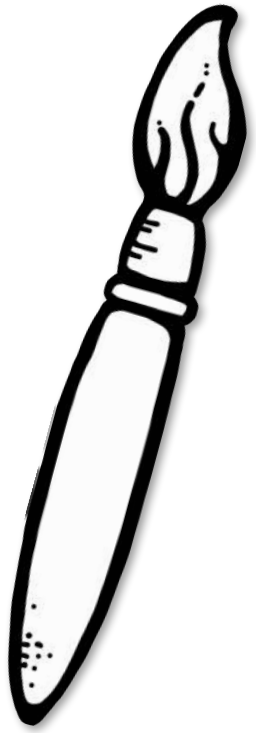
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Answer Key

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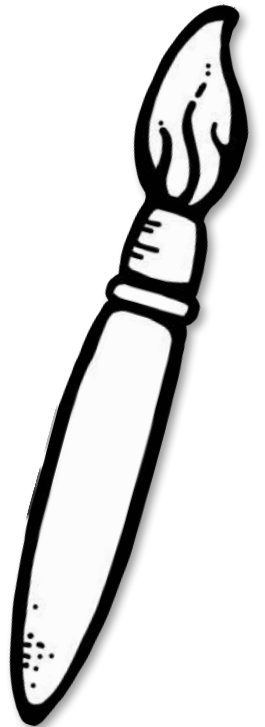
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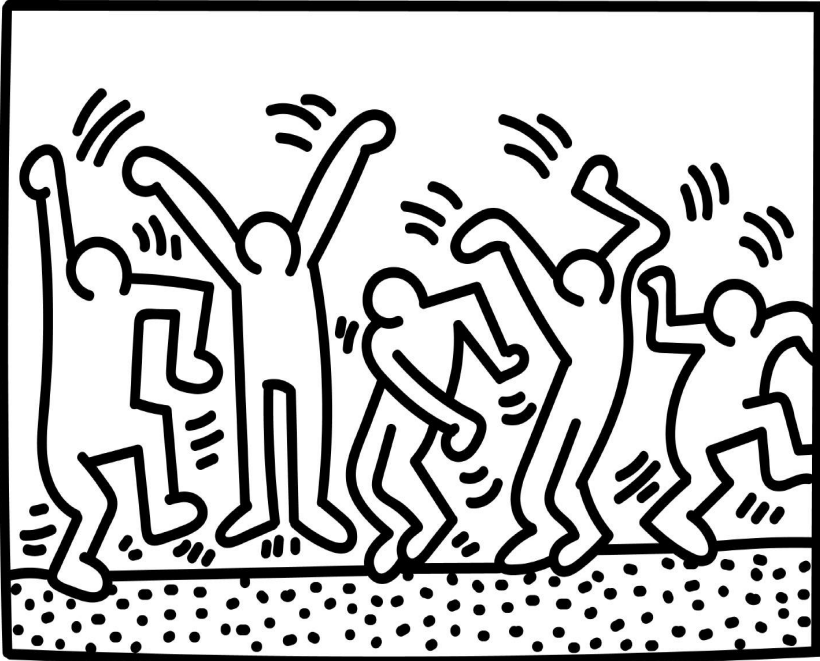
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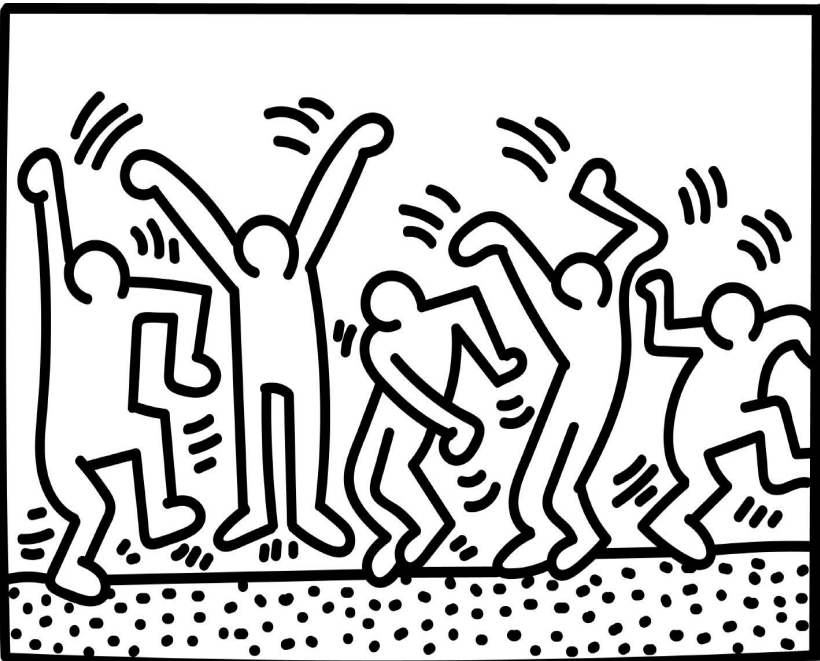
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Draw your own version or detail.

My favorite
part of this
picture is _____

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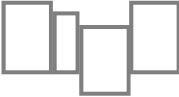



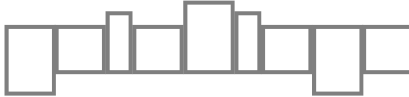

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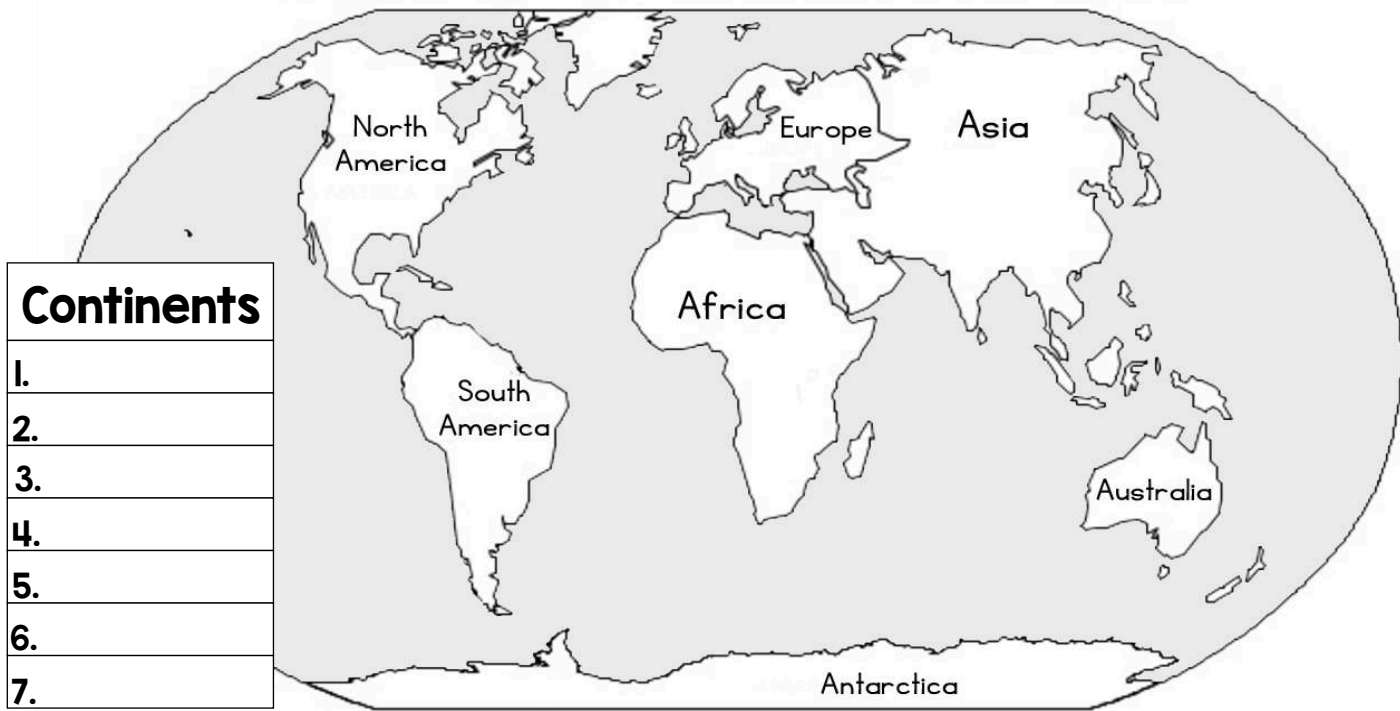
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World Map

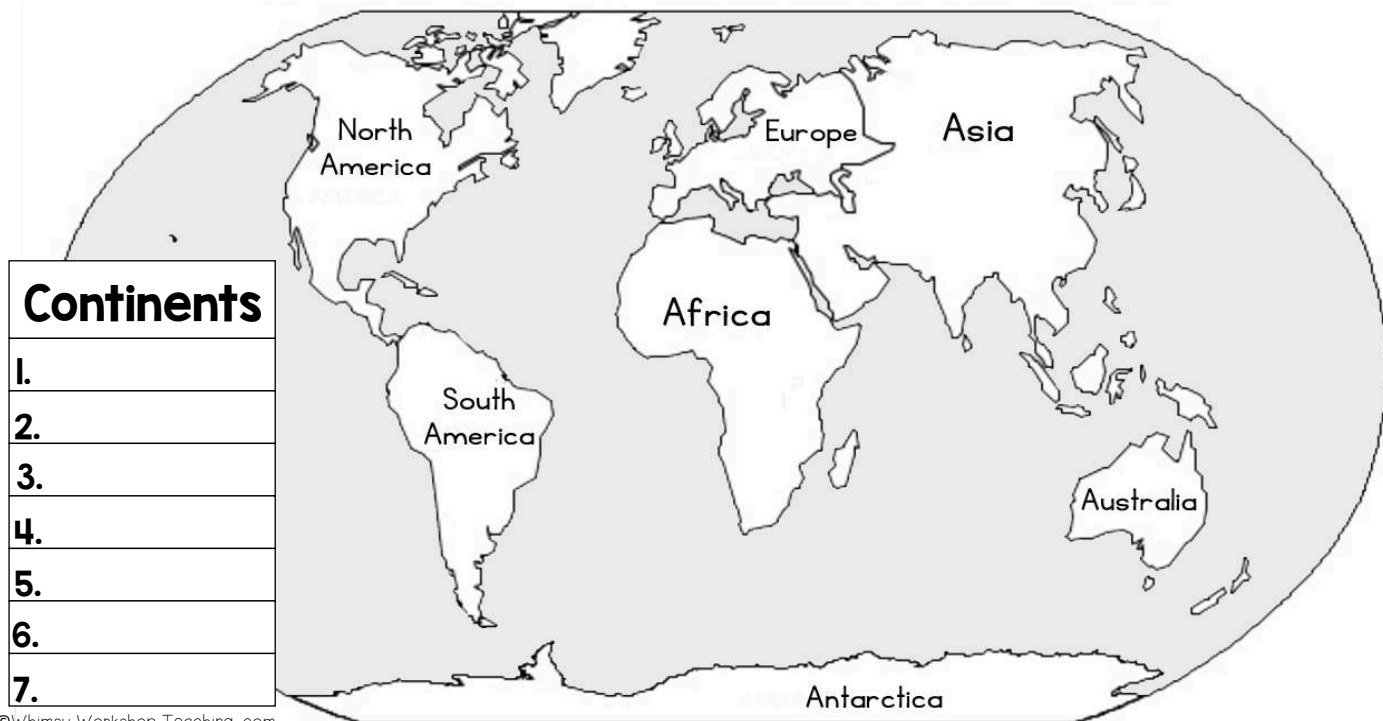
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Can you name the continents?



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