

Dr. Middleton's List of Artists You Should Know

Jameel took the time to create custom valentines for his teacher and classmates. Each one was a piece of art. Here is a list of Dr. Middleton's favorite artists. Take time to learn about them and many more.

A Note to Teachers and Parents: The artists' descriptions were taken directly from their websites. As a result, students may need help with vocabulary and general understanding.

Name	About the Artist	Where Can I Find More Information?
Charles Bibbs	Internationally acclaimed artist Charles Bibbs, whose work is featured in museums, galleries, organizations, and homes of many collectors, displays a deep sense of Spirituality, Majesty, Strength, and Grace in his images that is done in a combination of realistic and larger-than-life interpretations of contemporary subjects that are ethnically rooted. https://www.cbibbs.com/pages/about-bibbs	http://www.cbibbs.com
Leroy Campbell	Charleston, South Carolina native, Leroy Campbell's art speaks of the contributions to humanity through the African American perspective. More than just art, each piece serves as Campbell's tithe, as he uses his gifts and talents to teach others about the richness of the Gullah/ Geechee heritage and the beauty of his people https://www.leroycampbelloriginals.com/theartist	https://www.leroycampbelloriginals.com/
Jonathan Green	Noted art critics and reviewers consider Jonathan Green one of the most important painters of the southern experience. His work, which has been exhibited in major venues nationally and internationally, reflects an intrinsic sense of history and place. https://www.jonathangreenstudios.com/Artists/Jonathan-Green	www.jonathangreenstudios.com
Brenda Joysmith	Brenda Joysmith is more than an artist. All her paintings have a story to tell. "Drawing from careful observation of Black people in their ordinary routines, I select a moment that is particularly expressive, or best characterizes my basic idea. Then I work to create a painting that is both meaningful and enjoyable," explains Brenda. Starting with a realistic portrayal of her subject, Brenda's paintings are also impressionistic, interpreting an experience through the subjective use of color and other visual cues. Bright colors that "turn up the volume" are used to express the spirit of children playing ring games or enjoying a parade. Muted marine colors with soft edges and hazy, blurred figures in the distance best describe the calm mood of a couple with introspective expressions looking out over a bay. Brenda grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, in the 1950s and 1960s with four brothers and four sisters. Much of her work is indeed Southern and nostalgic. https://www.thecollectionshop.com/xq/ASP/Artist.Brenda_Joysmith/qx/Artist_Profile.htm	https://heritagesart.com/collections/joysmith-brenda https://www.thecollectionshop.com/xq/ASP/Artist.Brenda_Joysmith/qx/Artist_Profile.htm
Kadir Nelson	Kadir Nelson is an award-winning American author and artist based in Los Angeles, California. His paintings are in the permanent collections of several notable institutions including the United States House of Representatives, the Muskegon Museum of Art, The National Baseball Hall of Fame, United States Postal Museum, the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne, Switzerland, and most recently, the Lucas Museum of Narrative Art, the World Trade Center, the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. https://www.kadirnelson.com/about	www.kadirnelson.com