Landmarks Guide for Older Children

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American, born 1935

History of Black Bronze I
1983
Bronze

Subject: Appropriating objects
Activity: Creating a collage of your life
Materials: Magazines, small objects, glue, paper
Vocabulary: Appropriation, bronze, depict

Introduction
Jim Dine grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, where his family owned a hardware store. Dine often depicts tools in his art. In this piece, Dine shows tools alongside several reproductions of famous works of art. When artists use existing objects in their work (as opposed to creating them originally), they are using a method called appropriation.

Questions
Do you see familiar objects? Why do you think the artist placed his tools alongside the other objects?
Which objects did the artist make? Which were appropriated?

Activity
Create a collage that tells a story about your life. Use pictures from magazines or small objects and glue them to a new sheet of paper. Add your own drawings to the paper. Which parts are original, and which are appropriated?
Jim Dine, continued

**Vocabulary**

- **Appropriation** - Using something not made by you
- **Bronze** - A gold-brown metal that is a mixture of copper and tin
- **Depict** - To represent by a picture