

A Sense of Community: Celebrating Jerry Pinkney's Legacy

Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

Everything in Its Place?

The artist illustrates characters who are each very different. Describe some of the unique characteristics of each person.

Elbrite Brown

My Family Plays Music

Compare the three pages on display. How does each collage represent the type of music in the picture? Look at color, detail, and background.

Bryan Collier

All Because You Matter

Find the petal shapes in the artwork. How do they change in different illustrations? The artist was inspired by his grandmother who was a quilt maker.

Gordon James

Just Like Jesse Owens

The artist created these artworks using a very special box of pastels that he had saved for many years. How did he use the soft quality of the pastels in these illustrations?

Oge Mora

The Oldest Student: How Mary Walker Learned to Read

How does the artist represent words before Mary learns to read? How do the illustrations express Mary's mood?

Brian Pinkney

Hush Little Baby

This book is a visual representation of a song. How do the paintings convey the rhythm and movement of the song?

James Ransome

On Her Wings: The Story of Toni Morrison

The artist has added bits of collage to the paintings. Can you find them? How do they add to the impact of the artwork?

Shadra Strickland

Bird

What do you notice about the artist's use of color? Why do you think some parts are kept black and white, and others have color?

Eric Velasquez

She Was the First: The Trailblazing Life of Shirley Chisholm

In the first illustration we see young Shirley and her sisters arriving in Barbados to live with their grandmother. Why has the artist placed her grandmother and the dog outside of the main composition?