

The Noisy Paint Box

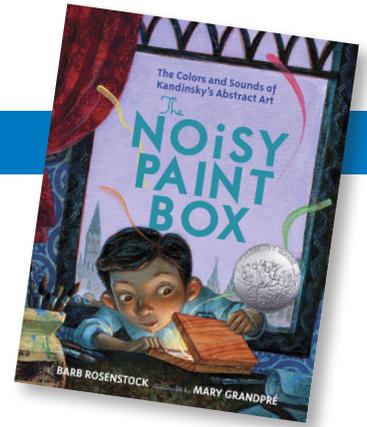
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Art, Music, Creativity

Book Brief: When a young boy receives a new box of paints, other people question his unique painting style. Read to find out how he learned to follow his heart and introduced a new kind of painting to the world of art!

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: What do you think the title means? How could a paint box be noisy? What do you think the boy on the cover is doing?

While reading, discuss new vocabulary: This book introduces the reader to

many new words. Most of them are different types of colors, like crimson, sable, vermillion, and cerulean. Find examples of these colors in the book. Can you

find any objects in your house that match these colors? What about outside?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ How did the author use words that made you use your senses?
- ◆ Which senses did Kandinsky use when he painted?
- ◆ Why did his paintings not make everyone happy?
- ◆ Should you always follow your heart or always listen to others?
- ◆ Can you do both?



RELATED ACTIVITIES

GOING IN CIRCLES

Materials: paper, water color paint

Take a look at one of Kandinsky's famous paintings: www.wassilykandinsky.net/work-370.php.

Divide a piece of paper into 12 squares. Use the watercolors to paint your own version of this famous masterpiece. Use your favorite colors or a different shape to put your own twist on Kandinsky's classic!



LET THE MUSIC MOVE YOU

Kandinsky saw colors when he listened to music. Play several different types of music: classical, jazz, hip hop, country, rock, or pop. With each song, close your eyes and see what sensory images come into your mind. Write down or draw what you "saw" while each type of music played. Which type of music made you see the brightest or happiest images? The darkest or saddest? Why?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Dorothea's Eyes: Dorothea Lange Photographs the Truth (2016),

Ben Franklin's Big Splash: The Mostly True Story of His First Invention (2014),

Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library (2013).



Reading Is Fundamental