

# Through Georgia's Eyes

## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

**Themes:** Art, Biography, Inspiration

**Grade Level:** K to 2nd grade

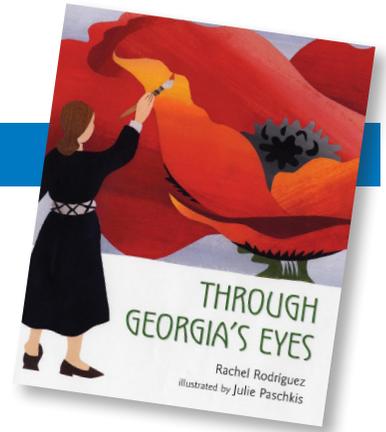
**Book Brief:** Learn to see the world through the eyes of influential artist Georgia O'Keefe.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Tell children that this story is about a famous artist named Georgia O'Keefe. Ask if anyone can guess what she might have liked to paint based on the cover illustration. What do the children notice about Georgia's painting?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### FOCUS ON FLOWERS (AGES 6-12)

Materials: artificial flowers, magnifying glass, scissors, paper, pencils, markers, watercolor paint

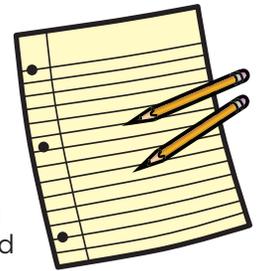
Let children choose an artificial flower to examine with a magnifying glass. Have them each choose a part of the flower to focus on and cut off that part of the flower. Encourage children to use their entire sheet of paper to draw that one flower part. Trace the pencil drawing in black marker and use watercolor paints to fill in the picture. If you want, you can assemble all the children's paintings afterward into one giant flower mural.



### NATURE NOTEBOOK (AGES 6-12)

Materials: paper, pencils

Georgia used nature as the inspiration for her paintings. Go on a group nature walk. Give each child a piece of paper, a pencil, and something to write on. Encourage children to find an item in nature that they would like to add to the group's nature notebook. After each child has found and drawn their item, store the pictures in a notebook for the group to enjoy. If your center is in an urban area, discuss how buildings and other urban structures can inspire art and conduct the notebook activity with architectural features.



### TECHNOLOGY LINK (AGES 6-12)

Visit the National Gallery of Art website to create a digital masterpiece online: [www.nga.gov/kids](http://www.nga.gov/kids)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT GEORGIA O'KEEFE

*Georgia in Hawaii: When Georgia O'Keefe Painted What She Pleas*, Amy Novesky (2012), *Georgia Rises*, Kathryn Lasky (2009), *My Name Is Georgia*, Jeanette Winter (2003).

### TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

[www.rif.org/kids](http://www.rif.org/kids)



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