

# CATCH a spark!

#### Using children's literature to SPARK CREATIVITY



#### **Many Points of Me**

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Georgia's late father is a famous artist who passed away before he could finish the last painting in his most famous series. Georgia is unsure about so much in her life, but when she discovers a sketch her father left behind that may have been meant as the final painting, she sets out to discover the truth, and along the way discovers a great deal about friendships and herself.

#### **C** Context

### Family and friendship dynamics.

Looking at how friendships ebb and flow, and the many layers of emotion that are grounded in families.

Personalities and alter egos - the real you compared to the you that you wish was seen by other people. In this case, it is represented as their superhero selves.

#### A Arts

Abstract art as a style, along with different artists and meanings behind abstract art.

Connecting colors, emotions and personality.

The Metropolitan

Museum of Art in

New York City.

#### Automatic Drawing -

letting your hand draw without looking at the paper for a set time, then discovering what is there in the art.

Color names and shades - hue and values

### Themes

Family

Loss / Grief

Friendship

The power of art

Creativity

Home

### Create

Create a list of the people around you that you know well and assign them colors. What color do you see when you think of them? Why? Create a piece of abstract art that represents the people you have chosen.

Create an abstract self-portrait. This could take so many different forms and shapes, as Georgia's did.

## Heart Words

"Self-portrait is about making a visual representation of yourself. Sometimes you need to skew things on the outside in order to show how shattered you feel inside."

"Be the peace. As an artist, and a person."

"All the different parts of me have been put back together in a different way."

"Maybe all I've learner is that the points of me don't always connect, but at least there's a glimmer of something - a vision of who I can become."

