MEET THE ARTIST

Name: Juan Gris
Birthplace: Madrid, Spain
Hometown: Paris, France
Friends: Pablo, Georges, Gertrude, Henri
Favorite art supply: paint
INTRODUCE YOURSELF!

Draw your self-portrait.

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WHAT IS CUBISM?

Cubism is a style of art where the artist paints or draws an object, like this violin, from many different perspectives. In a single picture, you might see the sides, top, bottom, front, and back of the violin all at once. Cubist pictures sometimes look like jumbled up puzzles!
Can you find the guitar in this picture?

Use crayons or markers to add color to this painting!
DRAW LIKE GRIS

Use the space on the next page to draw like Gris.
Follow the instructions below to build your composition.

1. Choose a background shape. Draw it large on your paper.
   - rectangle
   - diamond
   - oval
   - square
   - circle
   - trapezoid

2. Choose an object. Add it to your drawing.
   - guitar
   - bottle
   - bowl
   - playing card
   - violin
   - book

3. Choose a second object. Add it to your drawing.
   - grapes
   - apple
   - flowers
   - chess board

4. Choose a texture. Fill in one area of your drawing with this texture.
   - brick
   - wood grain
   - dots

5. Choose a color scheme. Color it in!
   - Yellow
   - Blue
   - Brown
   - Gray
   - Purple
   - Green
   - Blue
DRAWING ON A GRID
One thing that sets Juan Gris apart from other Cubist artists is that he used complex systems to organize his paintings. Look at the illustration below and notice how the painting *Guitar and Fruit Dish* is organized on a grid.
Draw a still-life picture of your own, using this grid to help you organize where you place your objects.
CREATE A COLLAGE

Collage comes from the French word _coller_, which means “to glue.” To create a collage, you glue different pieces together to make a picture. Juan Gris used newspaper, wallpaper, book pages, playing cards, and even bits of mirror in some of his art!

Create a collage on the next page that represents what makes YOU special. Try adding some of these pieces to your collage:

- A photo of yourself
- A scrap of paper in your favorite color
- An image from a magazine of something you love
- Stamps or stickers
- Letters from a newspaper that spell your name
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