Dreaming of a Better World

Featured Story:
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Fisherman’s Dream
about 1939, Hymen Warsager, screenprint on cream laid paper, 1988.111 (eMuseum Link)

In this piece of art, we see the artist’s drawing of what they think a fisherman’s dream would be. The fisherman is at the bottom of the print, peacefully sleeping on the beach. In the dream the fisherman sees himself catching very large fish.

Lucky Dreams of the New Year
mid-late 1770’s, Isoda Koryusai, woodblock print, 1901.168 (eMuseum Link)

In this print, a sleeping woman at the bottom of the artwork with a dream bubble going up to the top. In her dream there is a mountain, water, and a bird, which were symbols for her hopes for the new year.

Martin’s Dream
(for Martin Luther King Jr.)
2002, Richard Foster Yarde, watercolor, 2004.49 (eMuseum Link)

To honor the dream of equality that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had, the artist created this piece of art. Yarde used images of the shoes and hat that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. used to wear to represent the Doctor. He also included the compass directions (North, South, East, and West) and patterns and symbols like coded language that may make us think of DNA or Braille.
My Dream

Supplies

• Drawing Paper with Pencil & Eraser OR print this page
• Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers, or Paint

Create

1. Draw a picture of one of your dreams! Either use this coloring page, or draw one of your own on a blank piece of paper.
2. If using this page, you can draw yourself sleeping on the bed with your dream in the bubble, or draw your dream however you like on a blank page.
I Want to Make a Change

Supplies

- Sketch Paper
- Drawing Paper
- Pencil
- Eraser
- Crayons, Colored
  - Pencils, Markers,
  or Paints.

Create

Have you ever wished that there was something in your world that was different? What if you could help change the world with your art? Draw an idea of what you would like the world to be like. What would be changed? Design your own poster to share your idea with others.

1. Sketch out a couple of ideas for your poster. Will it include words to explain what your dream is?

2. Once you decide which sketch you like best, re-draw it on your drawing paper for your final drawing.

3. When drawn, use your favorite coloring media to add color!