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O-original Art Activities: Rural Landscape Drawing Inspired by Cecil Casebier



Cecil Casebier, *Highway to Junction*, 1964, Oil on canvas, Gift of the Roger H. Ogden Collection

Cecil Casebier was born in Fort Stockton, Texas on March 22, 1922. He completed his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California and also completed graduate work at the University of Texas. Casebier is best known for his mod portraits, **landscapes** and still lifes. When asked about his life's work he replied: "I am searching naively for truth; for a personal aesthetic truth, for the truth of beauty, enigmatic as it may be."

Create a landscape inspired by rural highway scenes like Cecil Casebier.

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Supplies

Pencil, Colored Pencils

Instructions

Step 1: Look at Cecil Casebier's artwork, *Highway to Junction*. What do you notice about his art? Casebier often featured familiar **landscapes** in his artwork. This painting is a scene of a rural Texas highway road, one that was common to him.

Step 2: Think about a time when you might have taken a long road trip. How did the highway and surrounding landscape look? If you haven't taken a road trip, use Google with a parents' permission and search "Highway road landscapes" or use your imagination to create your own unique highway landscape.

Step 3: Now that you have a landscape in mind, begin to sketch your landscape and road! Use a pencil to lay out your **composition**. Along the sides of your highway, you can draw trees, flowers, mountains and more! In Casebier's painting, he focuses on the nature in the landscape and not just the road. Draw with an attention to the natural elements of the landscape.

Step 4: Add color to your landscape! Casebier paints using flat planes of color that build up to form his scene. You can choose to color with a single, flat color or add more **depth** with shading; using the light and dark of the same color.

Step 5: Pick your colors. Casebier uses a bright red for the mountain in his artwork. The bright red makes his painting pop. Be creative with the colors! You can either accurately render your scene or choose bright colors to make your painting stand out.

Step 6: Well done! You have just completed a rural landscape drawing inspired by Cecil Casebier!

Vocabulary

Composition – the arrangement of elements within an artwork

Depth – in an artwork when a two-dimensional image seems three-dimensional

Landscape – an image of the land, nature, or outside; genre of art

