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## O-riginal Art Activities: Model Boat Drawing Inspired by James "J.P." Scott



James "J.P." Scott, *Pogee Boat*, 1982, Wood, tin, paint, plastic and metal construction, Gift of the Roger H. Ogden Collection

**James "J.P." Scott** was a Louisiana folk artist who built model boats made from **found objects**. Throughout most of his life, Scott worked on construction sites and fishing boats. Scott combined his craftsmanship with folk art to create models of boats that he saw in the bayous around New Orleans.

**Draw a model boat inspired by the steam boats and fishing boats of Louisiana.**

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### Supplies

Paper, Pencil, Pen, Markers

### Instructions

**Step 1:** Look at James "J.P." Scott's artwork, *Pogee Boat*. What do you notice about the sculpture? Scott often created model boats. He was very familiar with his subject matter, spending numerous hours working on fishing boats.

**Step 2:** Use Google with a parent or guardian's permission, and search "Steamboats" or "Fishing Boats" to find a boat to draw. If you can't use the Internet, look in books for examples or use your imagination! In Scott's model, he focuses on every detail of his boat. Look at the details on the boat you chose, what do you notice?

**Step 3:** Sketch the composition of your drawing! Use a pencil to draw your boat. Be sure to include all the important parts of the boat: the steam shaft, motor and deck.

**Step 4:** Trace over your drawing with pen. This will make your boat stand out more against the paper! When you are done tracing over the pencil with your pen, erase your penciled lines. Give your boat a name. Write the name across the boat, like Scott has done in his model.

**Step 5:** Add color to your boat. Scott uses color to bring his boats to life! Use your favorite colors to make your boat pop!

**Step 6:** Well done! You have just completed a model boat drawing inspired by James "J.P." Scott!

### Vocabulary

**Composition** – the arrangement of elements within an artwork

**Found Object** – a thing that someone else has given or thrown away that is often repurposed by artists

