At-Home Art Projects for Families

Painted Portrait in Place

Lee Krasner was born in Brooklyn in 1908. She was an influential abstract painter and collage artist. Krasner used shapes, lines, and color to create imaginative works of art. This self-portrait was painted early in Krasner’s career while she attended art school.

In this activity, you will paint a self-portrait inspired by Lee Krasner’s painting.

Materials:

- Paper (preferably a heavier weight paper)
- Watercolor or tempera paint
- Paint brushes
- Water container

Look:

- What can you tell about Lee Krasner by looking at this self-portrait?
- What objects has she included? What is she doing in this painting? Where is she located?

Process:

- Choose a favorite place in your home or a place you would like to go.
- Use paint to create a self-portrait using this place as the background.
- Show yourself doing a favorite activity in this place.
- Think about what you might wear and what kinds of objects to include that tell something about yourself.