Want to enjoy Tiny Thursdays at home? Explore a DAI artwork, watch a virtual read-aloud story and then follow along with project instructions found below!

**Watercolor Castle Silhouettes!**

**Description**: young artists observe silly silhouettes and guess what the image will be and make a castle silhouette with a watercolor background.

**Story**: “The Foggy Foggy Forest” written and illustrated by Nick Sharratt, (Walker Books Ltd; 2008).

**Let’s Talk about this Artwork!**

- What do you see?

- This artwork is a black and white photograph. What colors do you think the objects in the picture might be in real life?

- Where can you find the outlines of trees?

- Would you like to visit this place? What are some places you enjoy visiting?

- The statues in the photo are far away and look small. If you could walk to them, how big do you think they would be?

- How does this photo make you feel?
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### Supplies Needed
1) one: 9”x12” black construction paper  
2) one: 9”x12” watercolor paper 
3) watercolors  
4) paintbrush  
5) container for water 
6) scissors 
7) pencil or chalk 
8) glue stick 

### Optional Supplies 
9) oil pastels  
10) salt 

### Project Instructions 

1) Apply water with a paintbrush to your watercolor paper. 

2) Paint your background with watercolor. Blot paper with a napkin and set aside to dry. 

   **Helpful Hint:** use more water for lighter pastel shades, less water for stronger colors.

   **Optional:** use an oil pastel to resist watercolor or sprinkle with salt for a cool effect!

### Project Skills 

1) Fine / Gross Motor: 
   a) Painting 
   b) Cutting 
   c) Gluing 
   d) Drawing 

2) Language development 
   a) Expressive: speaking 
   b) Receptive: listening 
   c) Discussing 

3) Shape identification 

4) 21st-Century: 
   a) Creativity 
   b) Problem-solving 
   c) Collaborating
3) Draw the shapes for your castle with pencil or chalk on black construction paper. You will need rectangles, squares, and triangles.

4) Cut out your drawn shapes. You will arrange these to make your castle. If you need to add a window or door to one of the larger shapes, draw and cut those out now.

   **Helpful hint:** if you need to cut a shape out from the center of one of the pieces, fold the paper in half and cut out of the fold.

5) Glue the pieces for your castle onto the painted background. We glued down the largest piece first and then arranged smaller pieces. Use your black paper scraps to add any additional details you want.

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6) Make up a story about who might live in your castle. Great job!