

Course Title: Spirit of the Lake

Time: 1 hour



- **Project Objectives:** Exhibition Inspiration: Will Kwan- Terra Economicus

Grades 6-8

The Spirit of the Lake video and accompanying studio workshop discusses the important issues of cottage country and colonization. Using the dynamic work of Will Kwan, we debate the current situation on Pigeon Lake between the Anishinaabe & cottage owners over the planting and production of manoomin. Responsibility, balance, and relationships, generates critical dialogue about land, histories, jurisdiction, and reciprocity.

Studio project: Use mixed media and painting techniques to create a finished inspired landscape.

Outline: Start by introducing students to the project and it's inspired by *Mountain Pose* by Will Kwan.



1. On a 9 x 12 inch canvasboard, start with pencil drawing three areas – foreground, middleground and background.
2. Paint sky area – white, cobalt blue and a little purple
3. Use greens (light and dark), yellow orche for foreground, move primarily in a vertical direction to simulate grass
4. Use cut out strips of green (light and dark) and purple paper – cut ¼ inch- design your mountain, consider if random or pattern, overlay image. Cut 1 or 2 strips to contour to the edge off middleground/sky line.
5. If sky is dry, glue on paper to emulate the yoga mats – contour mountain.
6. Use white, dark and light blues to make water in the middle ground – use a piece of paper towel to soften the lines
7. Add clouds to mountains
8. Contour curvy lines using black pencil crayon in pairs of two on top of the paper mountain range.
9. Add reeds of rice plants floating in the water using yellow, brown, green pencil crayons

Materials required	colour	size	quantity <i>(total / per student)</i>
Canvas Board		9 x 12 in	1 per student
Acrylic paint	White, cobalt blue, purple		
Pencil crayons	Various – browns, greens, yellows, black		Class set
Construction paper strips	Purple, lime green, dark green		Class set
Water container			1 per student
Scissors			1 per student
Glue Stick			1 per student
Chalk pastels	Blues, white, green		Class set
Oil pastels	Greens, yellow, brown		Class set