

Self-Guided Art Class/Lesson Plan for Clementine Hunter

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- 1) BIOGRAPHY – *The Inspiring Life of Clementine Hunter* by Google Arts & Cultures
<https://artsandculture.google.com/theme/the-inspiring-story-of-clementine-hunter/5gLiLE-PhSKCJQ?hl=en>
- 2) Picture Book Read-a-loud, *Art From the Heart*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQlrlt8oL-t8>
- 3) Art Work Lesson Plan -
Draw and color from memory an everyday activity or a special event from your life! First, read the biography and listen to the *Art from the Heart* read-a-load above. Then take a look at some of Clementine Hunter's paintings below:



Cotton Picking, 1950



Washday, 1950s



Church Ladies, 1965



Wedding, 1970

We have looked at only four examples of everyday and special day events that Clementine Hunter painted of the life she knew on the plantation: cotton picking, washday, and church and wedding events.

Begin by brainstorming or thinking about what an average day is like for you. What do you usually do? You're most likely not picking cotton or washing clothes like the plantation community did. However you still will be doing chores or attending special events.

To capture a 'Day in the Life' of your family and community, what scenes should you include? What tasks, places, and events are important to you or your family? Maybe it's feeding your cat or dog; maybe it's loading the dishwasher, making a meal, talking with a neighbor, walking your dog, going to the grocery store, cleaning your room, brushing teeth, attending zoom school, playing with your brother or sister, practicing a hobby, playing an instrument, watching birds, drawing, watching sports or news, etc....). Or maybe it's a special day like a Sunday at church or in the park, a holiday, a wedding, a birth, a party, or a favorite memory like bedtime stories or a hug and kiss.

Whatever it is, pick something and then draw the scene that shows that event. Include lots of details. Sign and date your work. Then submit it to Aida Bartoletti at durant@lapl.org for art show on works inspired by Clementine Hunter. One day, your picture may show future generation what your life was like in this time in history. - (These written lesson plans were taken from <https://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/carry-on-the-storytelling-tradition-lesson-plan/> & <https://nurturestore.co.uk/clementine-hunter-black-art-history-lesson-for-children/>)

- 4) After the kids think about what day or event they wish to capture, they may listen and see this video which is similar to our art lesson: **Art Work Lesson Video Demo** -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3Q3XqkEbFU>
But don't send your art work to her, send it to me at abartoletti@lapl.org instead!

5) For Further Exploration (not part of the basic lesson plan):

- Clementine Hunter | Episode 812 Louisiana | Art Rocks
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdyZtUBVXFU> – A longer video biography with Ms. Hunter in it!
- Self-Taught Artist Clementine Hunter Painted the Bold Hues of Southern Life by Roger Catlin, October 18, 2018. Smithsonian Magazine. <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/self-taught-artist-clementine-hunter-painted-bold-hues-southern-life-180970572/>
- Ten Things You Should Know About Clementine Hunter by ANTOINETTE RAHN DEC 19, 2017 from Antique Trader at <https://www.antiquetrader.com/art/ten-things-know-clementine-hunter>
- Art Lesson Demo Video for very young kids on painting flowers:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezoTWQZ3dWE>
- Art Lesson Demo on drawing in perspective (but I choose not to include because Ms. Hunter did not use this technique in her work; in fact she painted things that were of importance bigger, rather than following perspective):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BYxxNTkoJh4>
- LAPL Books:



