

Teach art principles & feel free to adapt this to you — creativity is encouraged for both teachers & students.



**Title: Powerline Sunset**

**Ages:** 5-12

**Materials:** Watercolor paper, watercolor paint and pencil, and permanent marker

**Which art principle(s) or technique(s) does this lesson teach?**

- Color
- Line
- Wet on wet watercolor
- Gradient wash
- Stippling/blotting
- Texture

**Instructions for teacher:**

1. Begin by adding water to watercolor paper with a paint brush to begin wet on wet watercolor painting technique.
2. Add yellow watercolor paint to paint brush. Start at the bottom of the paper and make your way towards the center.
3. Wash your brush off and then continue with orange paint and repeat these steps moving through the top portion of the paper with red and magenta paint colors. Once done you should have a gradient sunset.
4. While the paper is still wet you can pick up the colors you used to create your gradient and stipple them onto the paper to create the look of clouds to add texture to the sky. You can also resort to picking up a paper towel and blotting different areas of the sky to replicate similar texture.
5. Once water color has dried you can pencil in the general sketch of where you want to place your power line and birds. Doing this in pencil will allow for flexibility and change.
6. Trace the pencil sketch with black permanent marker.