Oklahoma Makes Art

Explore how artists share stories through dance, painting, and sculpture.

3.C.3.3.C "the Arts (e.g., Maria Tallchief, The Kiowa Six, Will Rogers, Woody Guthrie, Enoch Kelly Haney)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each Oklahoma artist or group of artists. Circle one example of what each made or performed.

Art That Reaches People

1. A dancer crosses a stage on the tips of her shoes. Maria Tallchief, an Osage woman born in Fairfax, Oklahoma, made ballet her art. She became one of America's most famous ballet dancers. In 1949, she danced the lead role in *The Firebird* for New York City Ballet. Her strong, quick movements helped audiences see what an American ballerina could do.

2. Paint can tell stories, too. The Kiowa Six were six Kiowa artists from Oklahoma. They painted scenes of Kiowa people, clothing, dances, and other parts of Kiowa life. One member, Lois Smoky, was a woman. The artists showed their paintings in the United States and in Europe. Their art helped more people learn about Kiowa culture through images made by Kiowa artists.

3. High above the Oklahoma State Capitol stands *The Guardian*, a statue by Enoch Kelly Haney. Haney was a Seminole artist from Oklahoma. He made paintings as well as sculptures. *The Guardian* shows a Native American figure holding a spear and shield. A statue in a public place can share an artist's ideas with many people, even those who never enter a museum.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How did Maria Tallchief share her art with audiences?

2. What did the Kiowa Six show people through their paintings?

3. How can Haney's *The Guardian* reach people who do not enter a museum?

4. How are the Kiowa Six's paintings and Haney's *The Guardian* alike and different?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine you are creating art to teach visitors about a place in Oklahoma. In three sentences, name your art form, describe what your work would show, and explain what visitors could learn.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.C.3.3.C

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each Oklahoma artist or group of artists. Circle one example of what each made or performed. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Maria Tallchief share her art with audiences?	**She danced ballet, including the lead role in *The Firebird*.**
2	What did the Kiowa Six show people through their paintings?	**They showed Kiowa people, clothing, dances, and other parts of Kiowa life.**
3	How can Haney's *The Guardian* reach people who do not enter a museum?	**The statue stands above the Oklahoma State Capitol, where people can see it in a public place.**
4	How are the Kiowa Six's paintings and Haney's *The Guardian* alike and different?	**Both show Native American people. The Kiowa Six made paintings, while *The Guardian* is a statue.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I would paint a busy Oklahoma farmers market. My painting would show neighbors buying peaches and talking with farmers. Visitors could learn that people in Oklahoma grow food and gather to share it.

For the marking job, accept a circled ballet role for Tallchief, paintings for the Kiowa Six, and the statue or paintings for Haney. For the open task, accept any fitting Oklahoma place if the three sentences name an art form, describe the work, and explain what it teaches.