

Jose CISNEROS

A Colorful World in

BLACK & WHITE



Jose Cisneros Exhibit – Writing Prompts

After viewing the Jose Cisneros exhibit, assign one of the following writing prompts as a follow-up activity.

Writing Prompt #1 – nonfiction/personal

Jose Cisneros had to overcome many difficulties to build a successful career as an artist. What do you want to be when you grow up? What challenges will you have to overcome to achieve your goal? Write a paragraph explaining your plan to achieve success.

Writing Prompt #2 - fiction

Choose one of the pictures drawn by Jose Cisneros and use it as inspiration for a story. Where is the story set? Who are the main characters? What problems must they overcome? Be sure your story has a beginning, middle and end.

Writing Prompt #3 – nonfiction/historical

Jose Cisneros drew pictures of both real and imagined people who crossed the American southwest. Choose one of the real people from Cisneros's art and research that person's life. Write a short speech as if you were introducing that person at a banquet where they were winning an award. What award would they win? What important information about their life should you include?

Writing Prompt #4 – fiction

Choose one of Jose Cisneros's pictures to be the ending of a story. Work backwards from that picture. Think about where the characters had to start out and what happened to them to end up in exactly the way Cisneros drew them in the final frame.

Writing Prompt #5 – comic strip

Create a six-pane comic strip illustrating Jose Cisneros's life. Keep the drawings and words simple and broad to touch on just the most important parts of his life story.

Writing Prompt #6 – nonfiction research

Research other Texas artists or Texas artwork. Use the collection database at The Bryan Museum to help you search. Use the research to write a letter to the artist and enter it in the 2024 I Am Texas contest.

ELA TEKS 3.7, 3.11, 3.12, 4.7, 4.11, 4.12

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