

Change Colours, Change Emotions

The Coat by Julie Hunt

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Look at the effect of colour in this book. The Endpapers at the front of the book are dull and miserable in a sepia tone, as the coat comes to life so do the illustrations with colour. Discuss how colours can dictate how we feel.

You will need:

- Black and white pictures (A4 or A5 size)
- Watercolour paints or dyes or watercolour pencils or crayons
- Brushes
- Containers/palettes
- Light to medium card

Instructions:

1. Distribute black and white photos to students. Discuss how these photos make you feel
2. Explain how different colours depict different emotions or effects. (Blue , greens - cool, cold, sadness, sorrow etc.)
3. Each student then chooses what colours to use to influence the audience responses to the photographs.
4. Layer the colour over the black and white pictures. Students could experiment with differing intensities of the same colour, or use either a cool or warm palette.

5. Allow the colours to dry then mount the coloured pictures on light card for display.

iPad option

Similar effects can be achieved using an iPad. Download the App Colour Effects. Take photos of the surrounding environment or classmates, then, use the App to change the colour. Save the work when done and print out. Mount the coloured images on light card to display.