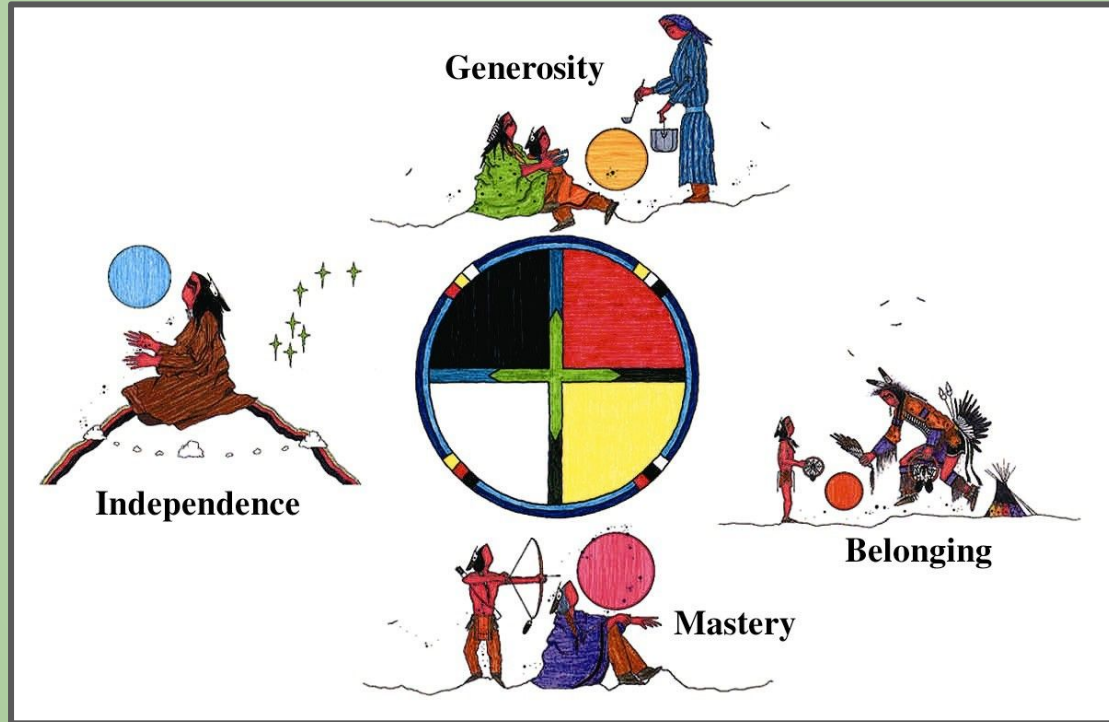


The Spirit of Belonging

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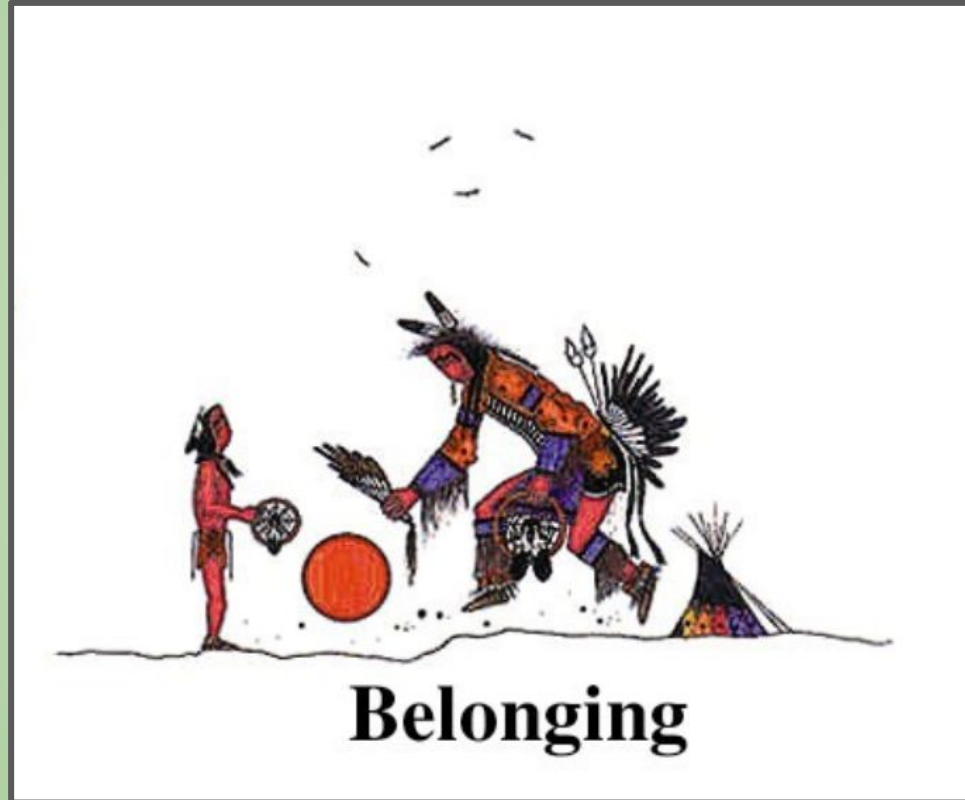
Who Is This Guy?



Let's Get Moving!



“Get Into Groups Of...” Debrief



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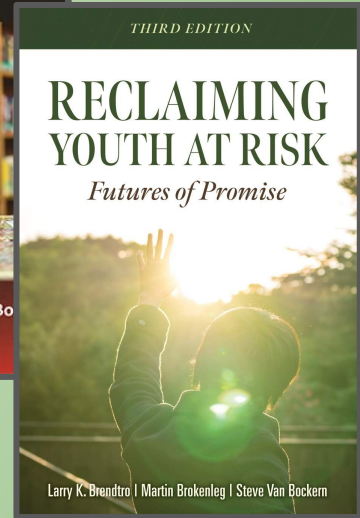
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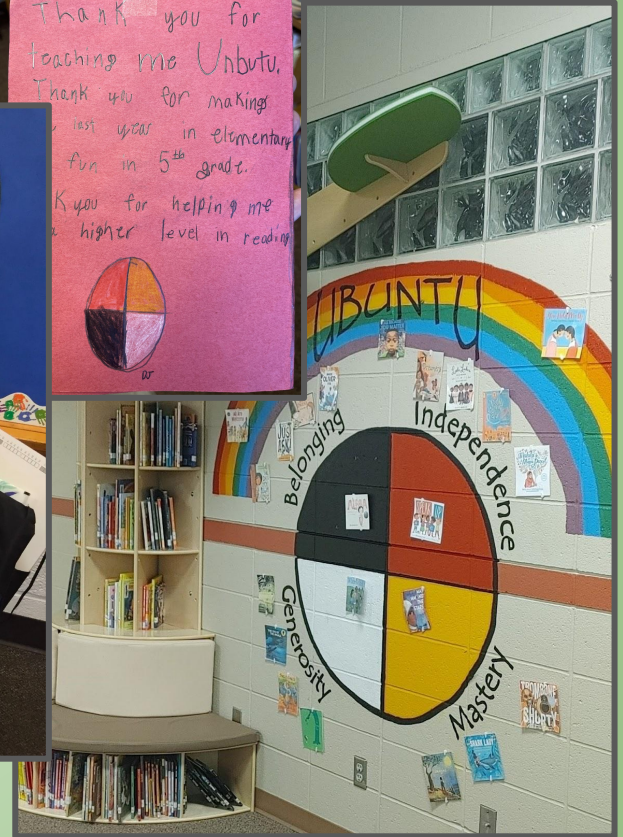
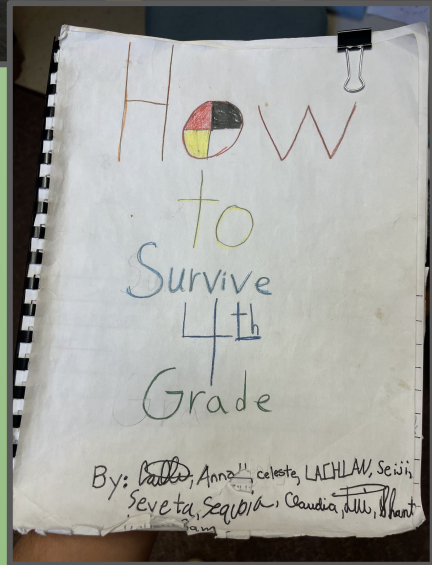
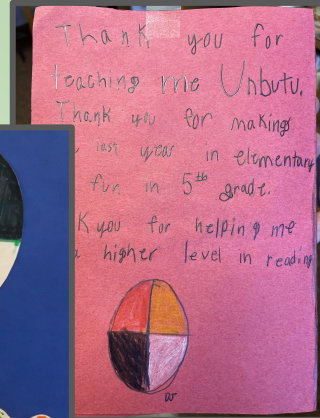
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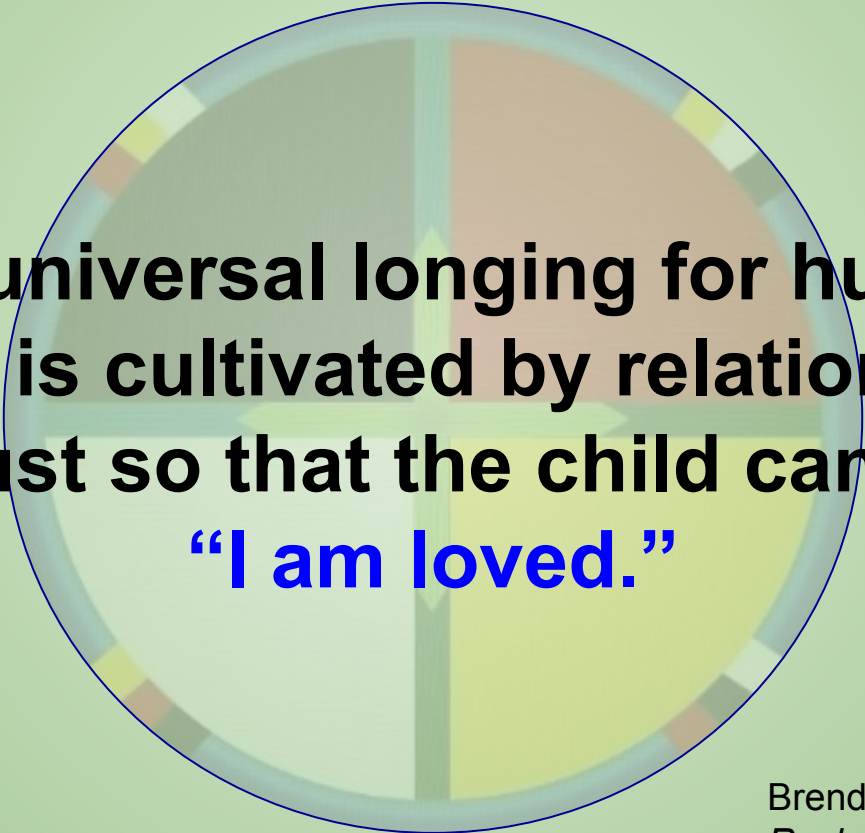
Steve Van Bockern



Application of Circle of Courage



The Spirit of Belonging



The universal longing for human bonds is cultivated by relationships of trust so that the child can say,
“I am loved.”

Brendtro, Brokenleg, VanBockern
Reclaiming Youth at Risk



Belonging Is... Attachment



A sense of community, loving others, and being



Belonging > (is greater than) Fitting In

“There’s a difference between fitting in and belonging. Fitting in means you’ve put on enough masks that you equal the average of the people around you, and you don’t get shunned. Belonging is fully letting out all the pieces of you, all shining and awkward, and finding love and acceptance, not in spite of, but because of, who you really are.”

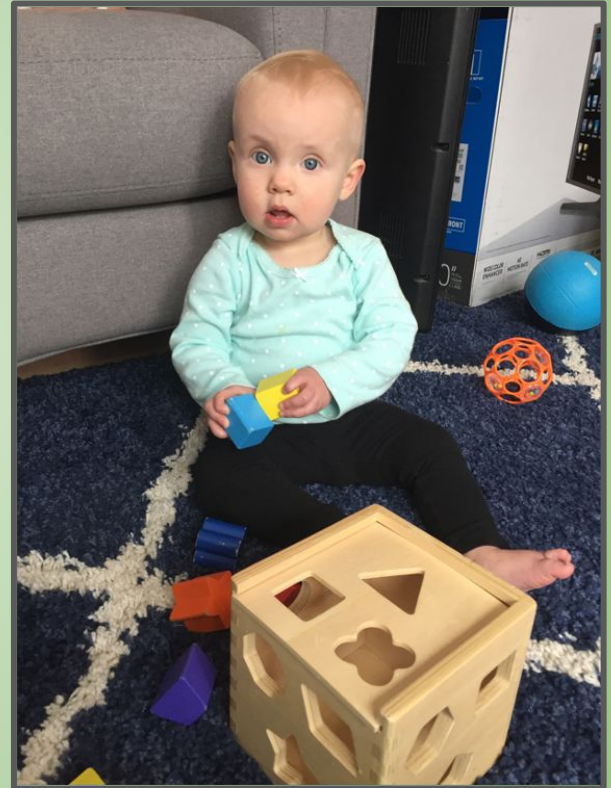


- Rachel Thor

June & Charlie's Blocks

“Belonging, in fact, is so important that some boys will do almost anything, endure almost anything, and inflict on one another almost anything, in order to be part of the group.”

- Kathleen Palmer Cleveland
Teaching Boys Who Struggle in School



Trying To Fit In...



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The Mask You Live In



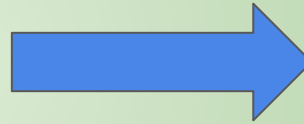
What Belonging Looks Like

Normal (<i>Belonging</i>)	Distorted (<i>Fitting In</i>)	Absent
Attached	Gang Loyalty	Unattached
Loving	Craves Affection	Guarded
Friendly	Craves Acceptance	Rejected
Intimate	Promiscuous	Lonely
Gregarious	Clinging	Aloof
Cooperative	Easily Misled	Isolated
Trusting	Overly Dependent	Distrustful

Brendtro, Brokenleg, VanBockern
Reclaiming Youth at Risk

Top 10: What Boys (all children) Need

1. Nurturing parents/caregivers
2. A clan or a tribe
3. Spiritual life
4. Important work
5. Mentors and role models
6. To know the rules
7. To learn how to lead & how to follow
8. An adventure, and a best friend to have it with
9. Lots of games
10. An important role in life



**Sense
of
Belonging**

- Michael Gurian
The Wonder of Boys

A Simple Answer... (but not simplistic)



“The bicycle is a **simple solution to some of the world’s most complicated problems**. The bicycle is the most efficient form of human transportation. It can combat climate change, ease urban congestion, and build human fitness. It brings us together, yet allows us to escape. And it takes us places we would never see any other way.”

- Trek Blog

Michael Hall

Red

A Crayon's Story



What?



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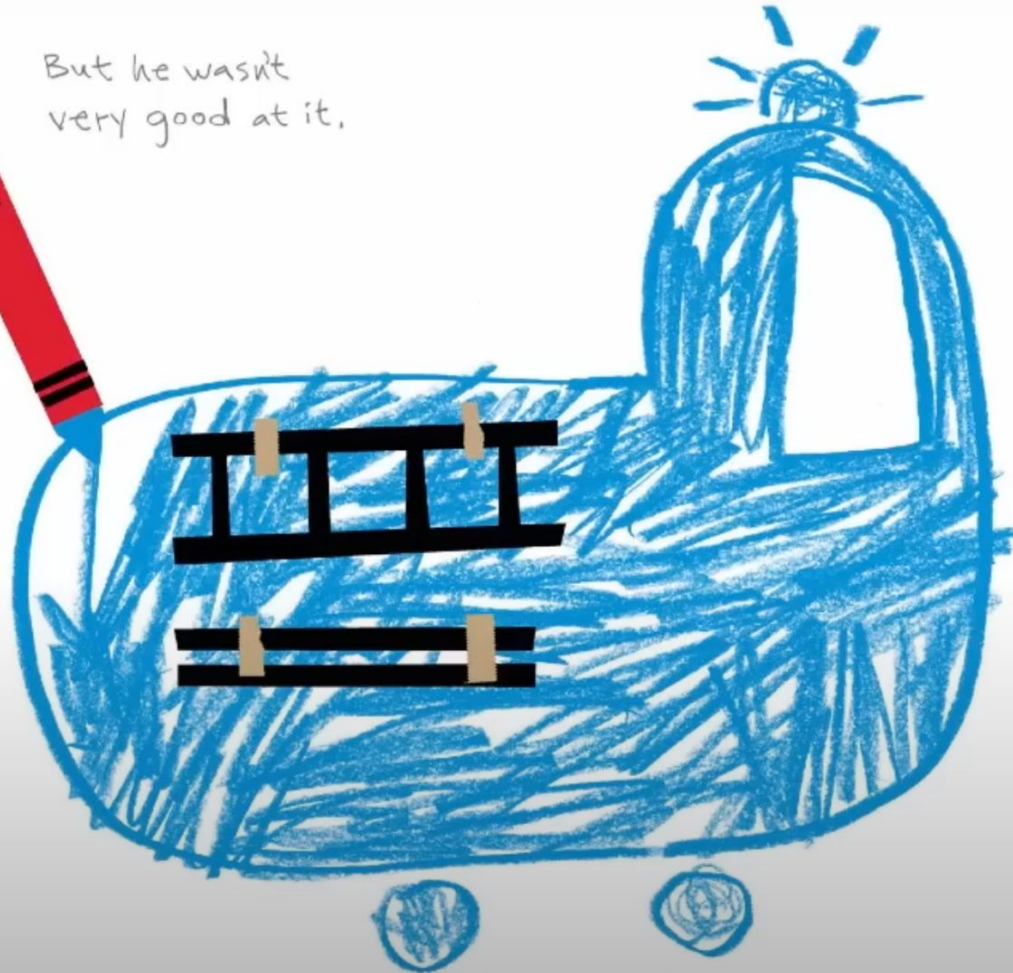




He was red



But he wasn't
very good at it.



Oh dear.



His teacher thought
he needed more practice

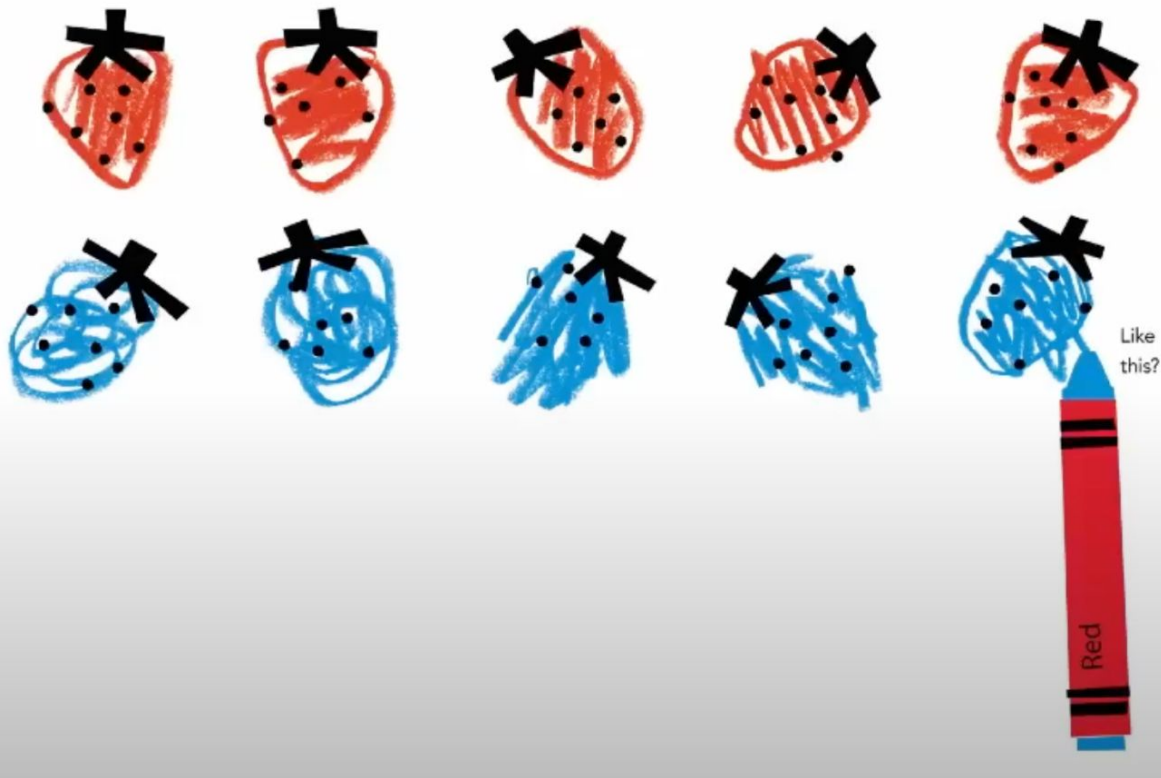


I'll draw
a red
strawberry,
then you
draw a red
strawberry.

You can
do this.
Really!



But he couldn't, really.



His mother thought he needed
to mix with other colors.



Why don't
you two
go out
and draw
a nice,
round
orange.



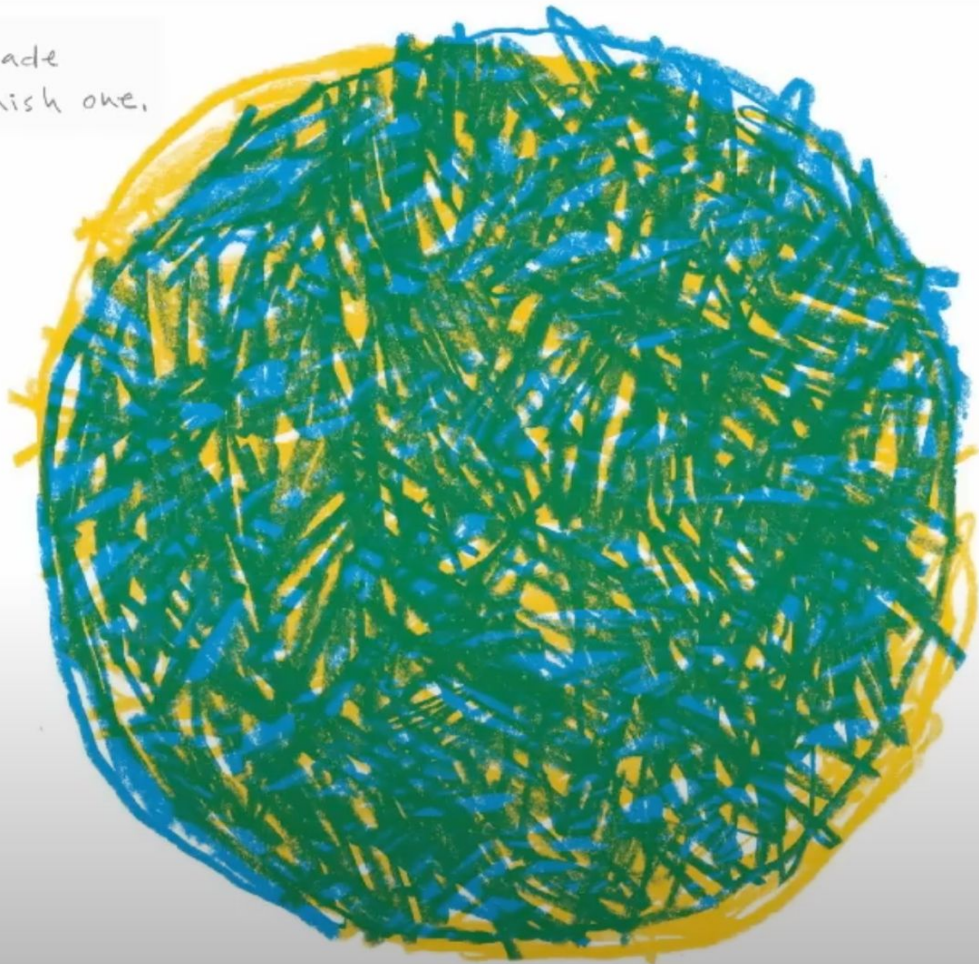
A really
big one.



A really
orange
one!



But they made
a big greenish one.



Yuck!



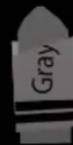
Oops.



His grandparents thought
he wasn't warm enough

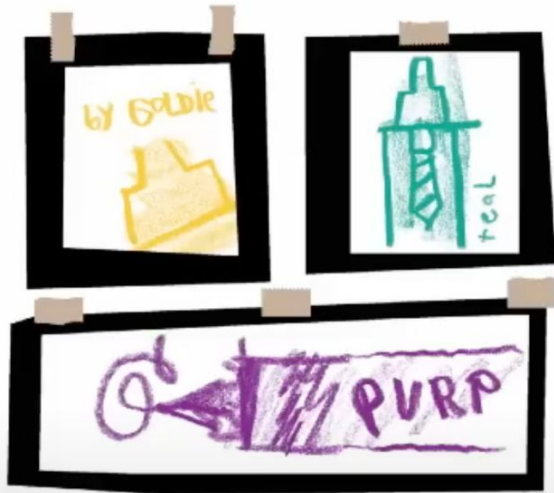


Your
class is
making
self-
portraits
for
parents'
night.
Wear this
warm
red scarf.



Nice!
It's so
you!

But it so wasn't.



Oh,
dear
me.

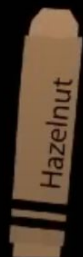
Everyone seemed to have
something to say



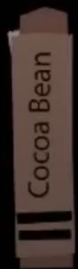
Sometimes
I wonder
if he's really
red at all.



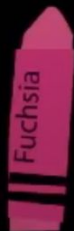
Don't
be silly.
It says
red on
his label.



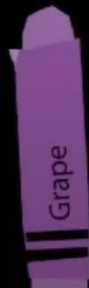
He came
that way
from the
factory.



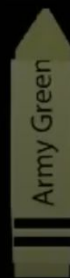
Frankly,
I don't
think
he's very
bright.



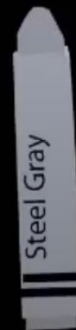
Well,
I think
he's lazy.



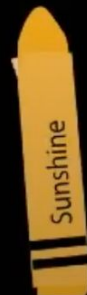
Right!
He's got
to press
harder.



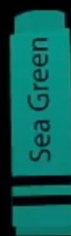
Really
apply
himself!



Give
him
time.
He'll
catch
on.



Of
course
he
will.



But he didn't catch on.



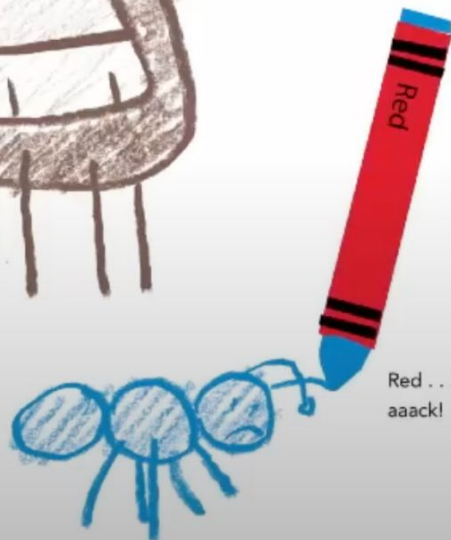
Green
frog!



Black
sheep!



Brown
cow!



Red ...
aaack!

All the art supplies
wanted to help.

The scissors thought his
label was too tight.

One
snip
should
do it.



The masking tape thought
he was broken inside.

This will
help hold you
together.



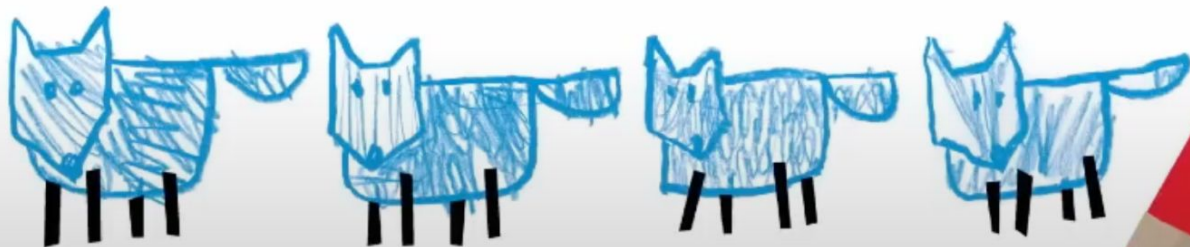
I thought
he wasn't
sharp enough.

Stay
still,
now.



But even with all our help

and all his hard work,

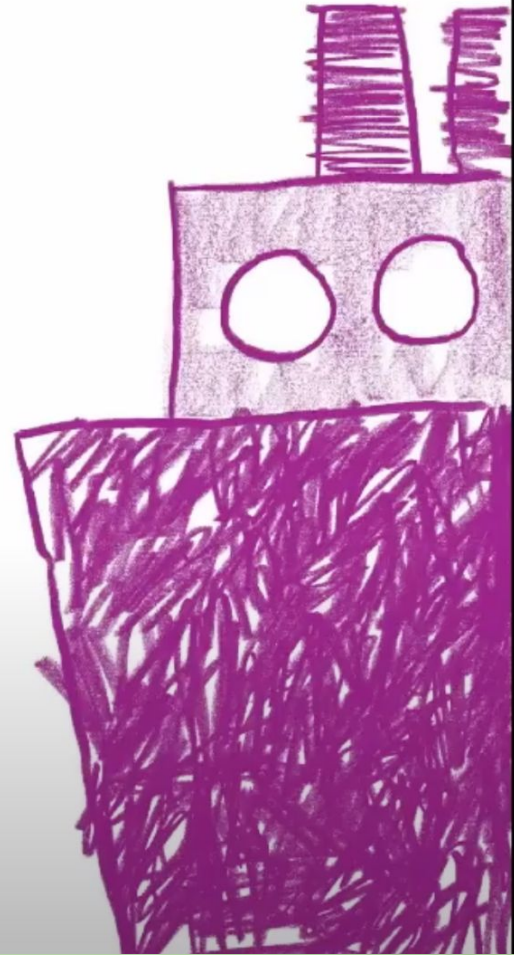


he just couldn't get the hang of it.

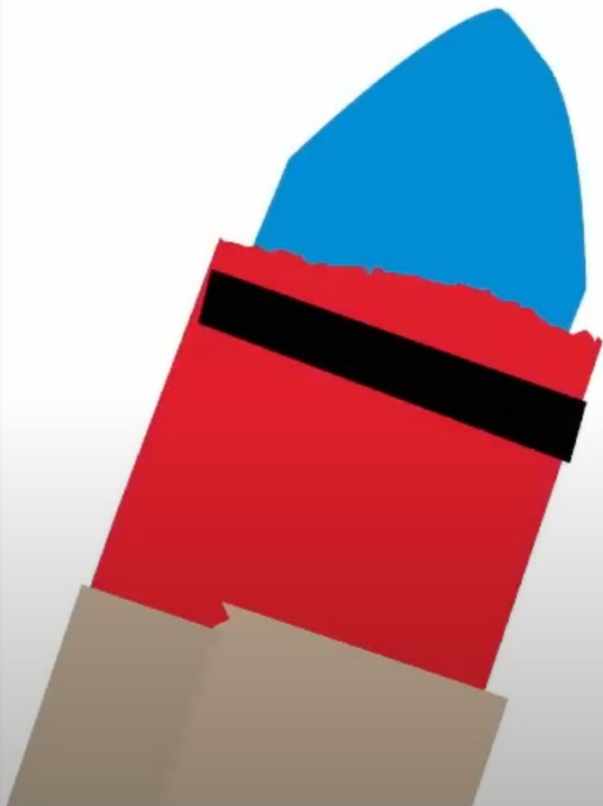


One day, he met a new friend,

Will
you
make
a blue
ocean
for my
boat?



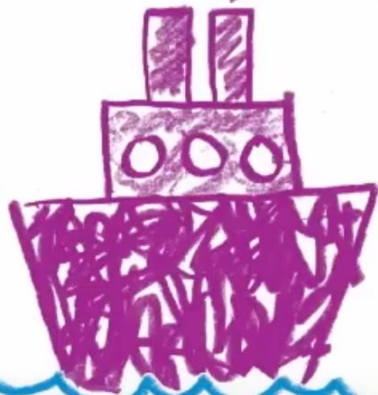
I can't.
I'm red.



Will
you
try?



So he did.

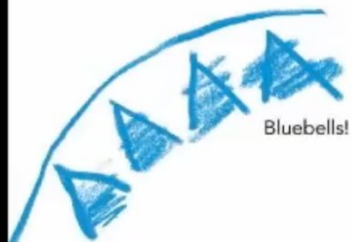


Thank
you!
It's
perfect!



You're
welcome.
It was
easy!

And he didn't stop there.



Bluebells!



Blue bird!



Blueberries!

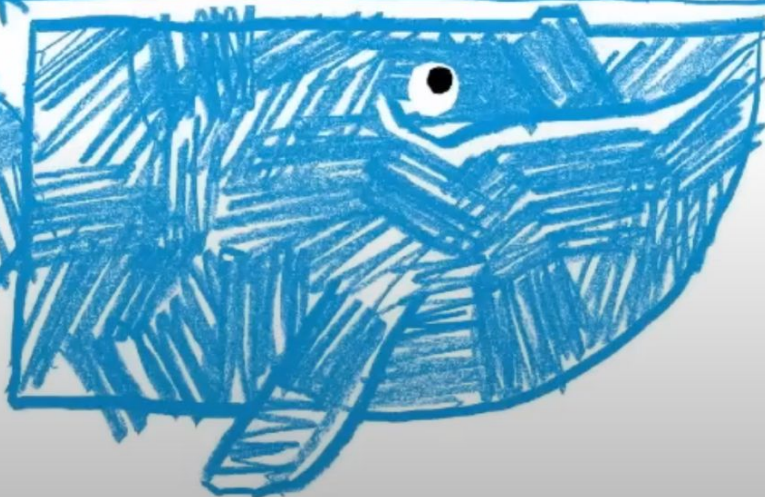



Blue whale!



I'm
blue!

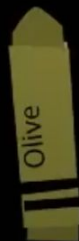
Blue jeans!





He was ~~red~~ blue.
And everyone was talking

My
son
is
brilliant!



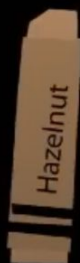
Olive

Who
could
have
known
he was
blue?



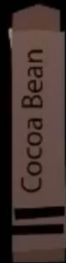
Amber

I
always
said
he
was
blue.



Hazelnut

It
was
obvious!



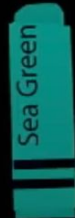
Cocoa Bean

His
blue
ocean
really
lifted
me.



Berry

All
of
his
work
makes
me
happy.



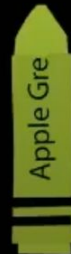
Sea Green

His
blue
strawberries
are my
favorites.



Brown

He's
so
intense.



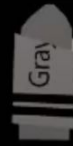
Apple Gre

I'm
going
to make
a green
lizard
with him.
A really
big
one.



Yellow

I hear
he's
working
on a
huge
new
project.



Gray

He's
really
reaching
for
the
sky.



Scarlet

And he really was!

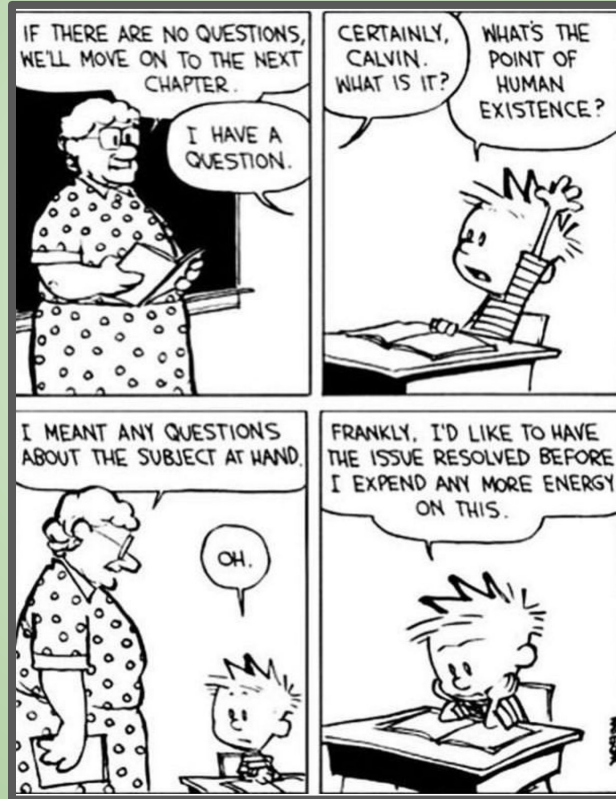


Living in the Circle Starts With Belonging



Q&A Time!

You've got questions, I've got... well, probably more questions.



THANK YOU!

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