

K- 3RD Grade **TAR BEACH DRAWING**



Image of Tar Beach



Faith reading her story. 3.



Example

Materials Needed: Paper, pencil, crayons

Directions:

-Watch "Faith Ringgold reads her 1991 children's book Tar Beach" on You Tube. Copy & paste this url in the search box on the You Tube site:

<https://youtu.be/h9RKJleFdBu>

-If you can not use You Tube, read the summary at the bottom of the page.

-Before you start the video or read the summary, answer these questions while looking at the image 1 above. What are they doing? What is a tar beach? Is there anything unusual about the picture?

-After you have listened to the story, think about a happy event that you remember sharing with your family. Is it a holiday, a sporting event, something you did last summer? After you have an event in mind, get a piece of paper and draw it out. Try to fill up the whole page, it does not have to be perfectly drawn, do the best you can. Image 3 is an example.

Make sure your picture has lots of details like Faith has in hers. Outline with a sharpie, black crayon or black color pencil if you have those items available. Color it in if you have crayons or markers available.

-On the back of your drawing write a few sentences about the story it tells.

Tar Beach summary:

Tar Beach is a story told by an 8-year-old girl named Cassie. She lives in New York City. Sometimes her parents would take her and her younger brother to the roof of their apartment building, there they would have a picnic with their neighbors. Cassie loved to lay on a mattress on her tar beach and look at the night sky, the city and the Washington Bridge. She imagined that she could fly over city. While she was flying, she could do anything she imagined. Some of the things that made her sad could be fixed when she was flying. She could give her dad a building, so he didn't have to do his dangerous job of being a worker on skyscraper buildings. Then everything would be fine, especially in the winter when he had no work and that would make her mom cry. She also would own an ice cream factory so she and her family could eat ice cream every night.

