

NATIONAL QUILT MUSEUM/Quilt Journeys: Three Quilters
December 9, 2011 to March 13, 2012

Three Quilters is presented in conjunction with Murray State University's Journey Stories exhibition, which is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the Kentucky Humanities Council.

Three Quilters tells the stories of three women whose journeys were not from point A to point B, but from one phase of their lives to another, encompassing spiritual, emotional, and educational journeys. Each woman issued herself a quilt challenge, and each took initiative to address the challenge in her own way. The results of their journeys are on view in this amazing exhibition.

Journey Stories focuses on the different kinds of journeys that have contributed to the history of a country, a region, a family, an individual. This exhibition aims to examine the range of these different kinds of journeys, which may be stories of uprooting and moving to a new land. Immigration and travel – over roads, rails, rivers, trails, and skyways have shaped American society. Journey Stories takes a look at how transportation and migration helped build our nation, how it has changes us, and how our mobile world looked to travelers along the way.

Educational materials relating to both the Smithsonian exhibition and the one at the Quilt Museum will engage school groups and young visitors in reading and writing that sparks their interest in their own journeys, and contributes to their development as good readers and writers who can think critically and analytically.

Planning a Task (Grades K-6)

Goals: Learn that accomplishments are achieved over time.

Method: Have students plan and execute a task that must be carried out over time.

Inspiration: The exhibit, *Quilt Journeys: Three Quilters*

Answer the following questions:

What is a journey?

What is a map?

What journey are you going to take?

What clothes do you need for the journey?

Who goes with you on the journey? Do you go by yourself?

What time of year does the journey take place?

What equipment, tools, accessories, or gear do you need for your journey?

What will you make on your journey?

How do you start this journey? Did you walk? Ride?

Who got you interested in this journey?

How long did your journey take?

Did you arrive where you thought you would?

Activity

Draw on 9" x 9" cardstock squares the answers to six of these questions. This activity can also be completed with fabric fused to 9" x 9" fabric squares. Whip stitch these paper or cloth squares together in a 2 squares x 3 squares arrangement to make your own quilt.