



## **Educator's Vault Lesson**

**Artist: Cullen Washington**

**Grade Level: Secondary**

### **Inspiration:**

Watch the Educators Vault Video, *Caped Crusader*.

### **Questions for the Students:**

- Have students observe the work.
- How is his work different from other art works?
- Is there any color symbolism in the art work?
- What do you think about the title?
- Do you remember *SchoolHouse Rock*? What are some of your memories about it? The artist describes his work as Abstraction. What is Abstraction?

Watch [Abstract Expressionism](#). 2min.

Did you recognize any of these works of art? At the time they were very controversial. Do you like this expressionism that does not require realism? Why or Why not?

### **Process:**

1. Have students use drawing paper, and paint 3 -5 sheets with hand mixed colors. Allow to dry.
2. Students then will cut or tear the pages into free hand shapes.
3. Play with these papers on a large drawing sheet or poster. DO NOT GLUE, until you have shared your composition with the teacher.
4. After it has be glued in place, students will be allowed to finalize the work with additional painting and mark making.