

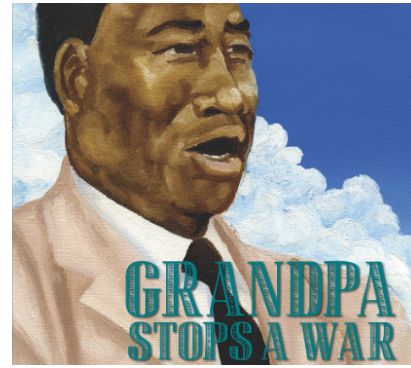
# READ & MAKE

## PAINTING

WITH "GRANDPA STOPS A WAR"

BY SUSAN ROBESON

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Explore the incredible life and service of local hero Paul Robeson! Written by his granddaughter, this story tells of his courage, grace, and activism when he visited the front lines of the Spanish Civil War. After the story, use paints to create an image to honor your own personal hero.

### Supplies:

- White watercolor background paper
- Cake tempera paints
- Thick and thin paint brushes
- Water container
- Sponge to absorb excess water from brush

### Little artists will:

- Practice identifying colors
- Learn about step-by-step processes and cause and effect when applying paint, mixing colors, and rinsing the brush
- Practice fine motor skills when dabbing, swiping, and wiggling all while holding the brush
- Develop emotional resilience and flexible thinking while persisting through unexpected moments
- Use their imaginations to experiment with their imagery

### Assistant Tips:

- Put down plastic or newspaper and wear a work shirt. Though this paint is labeled as washable, it may stain clothes and some surfaces.
- Teach a little song to help activate paint with a wet brush:  
*Wake up, wake up, wake up the (insert color name) paint.*
- Remind the artist to re-load their brush when it runs dry and to rinse their brush gently. We don't want our brushes to have "bad hair days".
- Ask your artist to tell you about their artwork/process and write down their artist statement to display alongside their artwork.

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