

## Pixel Art: MINECRAFT!

K-5

**Objective:** Students will learn about recreating objects in grid format and create a pixel art drawing on graph paper.

### Topics & Keywords for Discussion:

**Pixel Art:** a style of art inspired by the digital version of images composed of pixels.

**Materials:** graph paper, markers or colored pencils.

**Opening activity:** “These are a few of my favorite things!” Ask members if they’ve ever played Minecraft. You are SURE to get a lot of different kinds of passionate answers- Minecraft is a big deal for little people right now. This video might explain why: <https://youtu.be/2fXRth-kFbU> . Actually, you might want to start by asking members what Minecraft is, if you don’t know. Trust me: THEY know.

**Core Activity:** Students will use the graph paper to create 1, 2, or 3 of their favorite Minecraft items as pixel art. It doesn’t HAVE to be an object from the game, just have them choose a few of their FAVORITE things to recreate as pixel art. Distribute the graph paper and encourage them first use regular pencil to create the outline of the shape they are making, and use colored pencils or markers to add detail to that shape- are they making a donut with frosting and sprinkles? There are some pages attached here for inspiration.

**Reflection:** As students help clean up the space, have them share their pixel art and ask them to describe their favorite things, in minecraft or outside of the game.







