

# BRENTWOOD ART CENTER

6/25/19

T/TH

7-9 years

Instructor: Juliet Curry

**Today's Project:** Messy Maps: Beautiful Chaos with Jasper Johns

**Historical Context/Artistic Inspiration:** Jasper Johns, Pop Art

**Skills/techniques:** drawing with oil pastels, acrylic painting with squeegees, layering, symbols

**Summary:** Today we learned about Jasper Johns, who likes to take everyday objects like maps, flags, and symbols and elevate them into art. Johns wanted us to really look at the map and examine it. He encouraged us to see everyday things in a new way. This style of art is also known as "Pop Art."

Students observed and discussed the work of Jasper Johns, particularly his energetic painting and the chaos of colors in his "Messy Maps". We noticed how Jasper Johns painted the American map with just the basic information, often blurring the borders and the names of the states. Using oil pastels, water soluble pastels, paint, stencils and stamps, students created their own interpretations of our country's map.

