“Abstract Expressionist Pictionary” Week Three: Day 1

Learning objectives: How does the brain affect our emotions? How can we use art to express those emotions?

Materials: Markers, crayons, paint, brushes, paper

Lesson Plan:
I'll talk about the brain, the somatosensory system, and emotions—pleasure, pain, fear, and more complex feelings. I'll show some examples of abstract art that conveys emotion, and talk about line and color, then have the students paint or draw an abstract picture with a specific emotion in mind. When the pictures are done, the whole class will try to guess the emotion.