

TANGRAM STORY ILLUSTRATION

- I normally start this unit by discussing how illustrators draw pictures after the book is written but we be doing everything backwards for this project.
- I introduce tangrams and allow students to explore with wood puzzles I have. (substitute could be printable puzzles)
- We discuss backgrounds and how when they take a picture with a background (i.e) school pictures there isn't a person sized hole in the background.
- Students design their background and color it in (Any media – however, I've found glue and oil pastel don't mix!).

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- After students finish their background, they cut out their tangram pieces and glue them to a scrap piece of paper in their chosen puzzle design.
- The students then color their puzzle and cut out the puzzle as a single piece.
- The students glue their tangram puzzles onto their backgrounds. Students may use more than tangram and I provide multiple sizes of the puzzles.
- After the students finish the puzzle, students write a short story about the illustration they have created.



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EXAMPLE**