

GRAND CANYON LANDSCAPE ART WITH BUDDY BISON



Grand Canyon National Park is over 277 miles long, providing countless views of the surrounding Arizona desert. Its many land formations and beautiful sunsets have inspired artists around the world. For this activity, learn about four major land formations that shape the Grand Canyon. Then create your own landscape artwork using the vocabulary and instructions provided below.

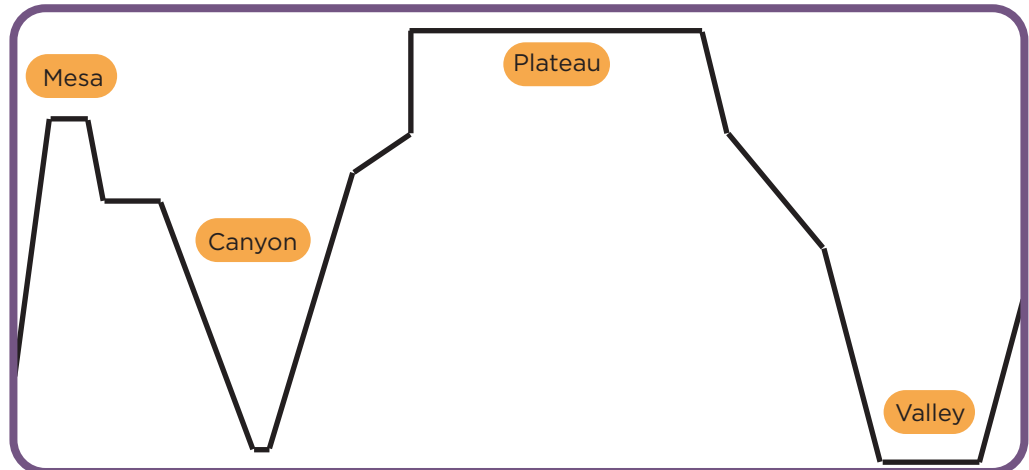
LAND FORMATION VOCABULARY

Plateau - an area of elevated ground

Valley - a low area surrounded by high areas such as mountains or hills

Canyon - a type of valley with a deep, narrow low area surrounded by high walls; there is usually a river at the bottom

Mesa - a flat-topped hill with steep sides



MATERIALS

- Scissors
- One sheet of plain white paper
- One sheet of dark-colored construction paper
- Markers, crayons, pastels, or paint
- Glue or tape

READY FOR MORE?

Experiment with different paints or use a real photo of a sunset as your background.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Color in a sunset on your white sheet of paper. This will serve as your background.
2. Trace a landscape onto your construction paper. Make sure it includes at least one of each of the formations above.
3. Carefully cut out the landscape and stick it to your background.

