

Books to Treasure – L’Allier  
Arnosky 2008  
Visual Art Expression – Grade 2

*Arnosky’s - Under the Wild Western Sky*

**Standard 3: Visual Art Expression - The student will observe, select, and utilize a variety of ideas and subject matter in creating original works of visual art.**

**2. Use a variety of subjects, basic media and techniques in making original art including drawing, painting, weaving, sculpture, and ceramics.**

Authors note:

*“The drawings in this book were done in soft pencil. The paintings were painted with acrylics. I kept the brush loaded with more paint than water to create the look of oils. Feel free to copy all the illustrations, using your own favorite medium.  
J. Arnosky*

**Process:**

After reading the book together as a class read-aloud, discuss the different geographical areas in the book. You may want to display a map, to show where Oklahoma’s Tall Grass Prairie or the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge is located. The area west of the Mississippi and west of the Rocky Mountains should be considered, as well.

Offer alternatives for doing a scenic picture, either copying from the book itself, or drawing on their own. You may want to consider the last page of the book, the silhouette of the sunset with two horses; students may want to make their own silhouette art using black construction paper.

Supplies:

Map of Oklahoma and Map of the United States  
Black construction paper  
Variety of colored construction paper  
Sketch pads  
Paper  
Glue sticks  
Scissors  
# 2 soft pencils

Consider using some plastic farm animals for silhouette use.

Internet instructions on “How to make a silhouette”

[http://www.essortment.com/hobbies/howmakesilhoue\\_shlq.htm](http://www.essortment.com/hobbies/howmakesilhoue_shlq.htm)