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IN POETRY, SONG + ART

"It takes courage to grow up and become  
who you really are."

*e.e. cummings*

e.e. cummings loved to explore the world through poetry and experimented with placing words on the page in a unique way. Look at his poem, in Just, that describes e.e.'s favorite season, spring. What is your favorite season? Use this page to create a poem about it. Try writing your words in a creative way using the whole space of the page. Experiment with combining words, and even making up words, just like cummings did.

Trombone Shorty's music was inspired by the area he grew up in. Is there a type of music that is popular where you live? In the book he says, "I still keep my trombone in my hands and I will never let it go." What is a possession you have that is important to you? Write a song on this page about that item and why it is important. It could be to the tune of a song you like or your own melody.

Benny Andrews was an excellent observer. Do you ever take time to really look at yourself? Take a look in a mirror, and create a portrait of what you see. Try to incorporate surprising colors just like Benny Andrews did to make the features you love about yourself stand out.

	Trombone Shorty	Enormous Smallness	Draw What You See
Famous Person's Name			
Artistic Talent			
Where Born			
Given Name			
When First Created Art			
Something They Are Known For Not Related To Their Art			
Is This Person Currently Alive			

Artists have a way of inspiring us. After reading these books, use this chart to record some of the facts you learned about the individuals featured. Which of these artists inspires you the most? Why?