

# The Vision of the Runaway Train

## ADVENTIST HERITAGE LESSON



## Engage

Watch the first three minutes (muted) of this YouTube video.

Video: **Runaway Train**

### Essential Question

Can a dynamic Ellen White vision be translated into a visual form? How would you illustrate a vision of Ellen White showing the art principles of emphasis and movement?

### Standards

FA.5-8.VA 1, 5, 8, 11, 16

### Learning Intentions

Students will create an illustration displaying movement and emphasis.

### Materials

- pen and ink
- colored pencils (Prismacolor recommended)
- watercolors (Prang recommended)
- watercolor paper (30 weight cold press paper)  
Note: Regular copy paper will not support wet media such as pen and ink, or watercolors. You need a thick paper for wet media.
- available surfaces
- dark crayons or charcoal

### Art Terms

- EMPHASIS:**  
a three-dimensional model representing a scene in miniature.
- ILLUSTRATION:**  
the technique or process of taking a rubbing from an uneven surface to form the basis of a work of art.
- MOVEMENT:**  
the repetition of certain visual elements like shape or form. It can be used to organize the surface in a consistent manner.

## Explore

Read "The Runaway Train" in Early Writings (p.88) referencing Ellen White's vision from 1850.

## Discuss

How might the student incorporate the art principles of movement and emphasis in a visual description of this vision by Ellen White?

## Create

Draw and paint an illustration of Ellen White's vision "The Runaway Train".

## Connect

Research the history of high-speed train travel in relation to Ellen White's vision.

Search [Trainhistory.net](http://Trainhistory.net)

Extension:  
Visit a local train depot.

## Present & Reflect

Display finished work in the local Adventist church including an artist's statement. Provide a feedback book for parishioners to comment on the art works.

## Success Criteria

1. Student creates multiple textural rubbing patterns.
2. Student uses textural rubbings to "wallpaper" their diorama.
3. Student's work reflects appropriate effort for their age and ability level.