Support Material Activities

Note: Professor Greer's students carry out these activities with students at local elementary schools.

**Activity Sheet: Quilting My Story**

**Target Grades**: 4-6

**Curriculum Area**: Art/language arts

**Story relation**: Jalani and the Lock

**Materials Needed**:
- Copy of Jalani and the Lock, by Lorenzo Pace
- Images of story quilts - try:
  - [http://www.ohioundergroundrailroad.org/story.htm](http://www.ohioundergroundrailroad.org/story.htm)
  - [http://womensearlyart.net/powers](http://womensearlyart.net/powers)
  - [http://www.tfaoi.com/aa/7aa/7aa747.htm](http://www.tfaoi.com/aa/7aa/7aa747.htm)
- Lined paper
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue

**Bridge-In Activity**: Read the picture book Jalani and the Lock, by Lorenzo Pace and discuss artwork used by the author. Then share images and information about story quilts in the African American tradition.

**Main Activity**: Have students write their own story of a journey (can be any kind of journey—physical or a journey of discovery). Using the construction paper to cut out shapes, create a story quilt that illustrates their own story.

**Bridge-Out Activity**: Have students share and explain their story quilts, then put them all together to make a class quilt to display on a wall.

*Activity created by Aubrey Jessen (Jalani’s Mother Puppet operator/Singer)*