

# 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://womensearlyart.net/powers>
  - <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)*