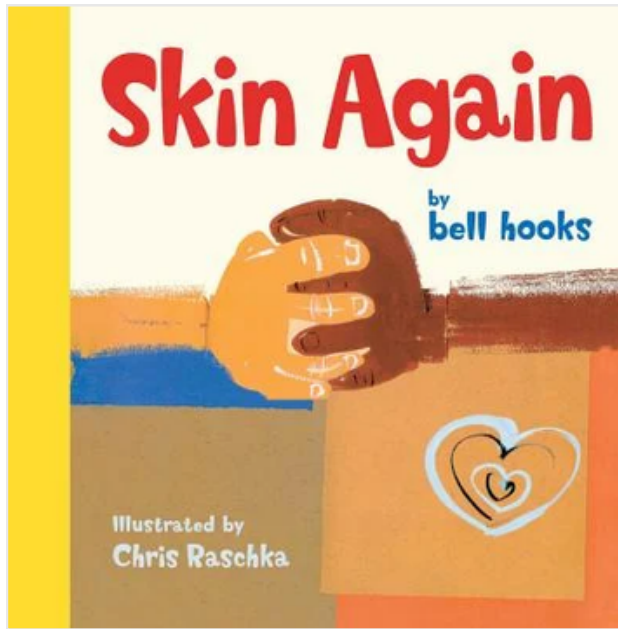


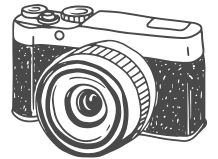
BEYOND THE SURFACE



Just as bell hook's points out, our physical appearance does not define who we are. The project for this month will be to create a self portrait using words your family, friends and you would use to describe yourself. The result may be that resembles the physical characteristics of your face or lean towards abstraction. This project is intended to make you think more deeply about yourself and others.

Begin this project by gathering your list of words or short phrases as these will be the foundation for your artwork

If you wish this to represent your physical appearance, we recommend you have a photo on hand to use as a reference. This may be digital, printed, or traced onto paper. The final piece should be created in the style and materials that feel right to you. We always suggest starting out with creating some sketches before moving to your final piece. Share your approach to this project using #LymanAllynAtHome and you may see your creations on our social media pages!



May Book of the Month

Skin Again

Our Book of the Month calls upon American author, theorist, educator, and social critic bell hooks, to help children and adults consider race. Focusing on love and compassion, "Skin Deep" helps readers consider how going beyond ones physical appearance and learning more about their heart allows you to understand them as a multi-dimensional person. With text written for young friends, this book will still let readers of any age to pause and reflect on how they interact with their fellow people.