

# Marc Chagall



America Windows 1977  
stained glass/leaded glass - 96" x 385" (overall)  
The Art Institute of Chicago

## Artistic Emphasis

Marc Chagall (1887-1985) was 80 years old when he created "The America Windows," whose beautiful blue panels are a prominent icon at the Chicago Art Institute.

What you do as a child and how you remember it are important! Marc Chagall's memories of his childhood in a small Russian village formed the basis of images that appeared in his artwork throughout his career. Chagall used his dreams and memories to show us a magical world, a world without gravity, a world with strange, unreal colors, a world where animals played instruments while people danced. His playful, mixed-up, make-believe world is very, very familiar to children.

## Project Description

Students use tissue paper and glue to create a colorful "stained glass" window, then illustrate it with fantasy drawings.

## Advance Preparation

- Schedule a date with your teacher. Remember to check the on-line calendar for conflicts first.
- One week prior to your date, check the Fine Arts supply room to make sure all the supplies are in the cabinet.
- Prepare a "frame" for each child according to the directions in the supply cabinet.
- Cut white tissue paper into pieces that will fit the frames (12x7)
- The volunteer making the presentation should read through the handbook, located in the Fine Arts supply room, and become familiar with the project narrative and visuals.
- Ask your teacher about arranging for a place for the completed pictures to dry.
- Recommended number of volunteers: 5