About the artist!

Vik Muniz is an artist who likes to make art out of household items. For example, he has used things like tomato sauce, sugar, cotton balls, and chocolate in his artwork. The artist starts by choosing a familiar image, like a picture of a famous person or a famous work of art, and then copies the image using one of these common materials.

In Milan (The Last Supper), Vik Muniz used chocolate syrup to paint a copy of Leonardo da Vinci’s famous painting The Last Supper. When he was done, he photographed the results. The artist likes to make art out of materials that only last for a short amount of time. In this case, the chocolate will not last forever, so only the photograph remains. After photographing Milan (The Last Supper), the artist erased the image by licking up all the chocolate!

Why do you think the artist likes to make art that won’t last forever?

Why do you think the artist photographs his work?

If you were to make an artwork out of an everyday item, what material would you use? Why?

Why do you think Vik Muniz painted Milan (The Last Supper) in chocolate?

Why didn’t he use regular paint?

Now It’s your Turn!

Materials:

- Large piece of white paper
- Bottle of chocolate syrup
- Camera

Directions:

Think about famous paintings or photographs you might have seen and liked. Once you have decided on your artwork, now it is time to recreate it in chocolate. Squeeze the chocolate syrup bottle hard for thick lines and squeeze lightly for thin lines. Once your artwork is complete, photograph it. Now for the fun part! Erase all traces of your image by licking up all the chocolate!