Steven J. Yazzie (Diné / Laguna / Anglo, b. 1970), *Nature Doesn’t Give a #%*! About You, But It’s Sure Nice To Look At*, 2020. Oil on canvas. 54 x 108 inches. Collection of the artist, Photography by the artist.
Steven J. Yazzie likes to explore places and identity when he paints. He places coyotes in unexpected locations. In Navajo/Diné culture, the coyote is thought of as a trickster. They can be used to show what people believe to be right and wrong.

He made two paintings that go together. In one painting, he placed himself in nature. In the other painting, he placed the coyote in his art studio.

Think about it…

- Look at the two paintings. Who are they?
- Why did the artist switch places with the coyote?
- Describe what is around each of the figures.
- What is the coyote thinking?
Where’s that coyote?

Materials:  Pencil  Coloring supplies

Directions: Draw a setting for the coyote. Then color it.