OVERVIEW

Artists living in America have often visualized and engaged with social issues through their artistic practice. Students will examine 18th-21st century art to discover the range of approaches artists have used to make their voices heard.

Through active discussion about thought-provoking works, students will be better able to:

- Understand the difference between making an observation about an issue and inspiring engagement with a cause;
- Identify an issue’s multiple causes and effects and compare and contrast the ways artists have drawn inspiration from them;
- Assess how artistic practices range from reflecting upon historic circumstances and current issues to disrupting or even transforming the status quo;
- Interpret visual and contextual evidence to articulate meanings of issues and actions.

HIGHLIGHTED STANDARDS

Historical Thinking

K-12.2: Draw upon the visual data presented in photographs, paintings, cartoons, and architectural drawings to clarify, illustrate, or elaborate upon information presented in the historical narrative, and appreciate and consider past historical perspectives

K-12.3: Analyze and interpret multiple perspectives in history to compare and contrast differing sets of ideas, values, personalities, behaviors, and institutions, and to challenge arguments of historical inevitability

K-12.4: Obtain and interrogate historical data from a variety of sources, including library and museum collections, in order to formulate historical questions from encounters with art and other records from the past

US History

5-12, Eras 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10

Civics

5-12.1: Civic Life, Politics, and Government

K-12.5: Roles of the Citizen in American Democracy

KEY CONCEPTS

Civil Rights, heritage, diversity, protesting, Bill of Rights, discrimination, equality, stereotype, communication, fact vs. fiction, symbol
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