

# The World Needs

## Art Activism



[Image description: a hexagon made up of 6 triangles each with a photo of a man from around the world]

Upper Elementary Worksheet

### learn about it.

You may be wondering, "What is art-ivism?" It is a combination of art and activism. So why does the world need art-ivism? Well, to answer this we need an understanding of art.

**Art** comes in many different forms. It can be visual, like a painting. It can be auditory, like a song. It can be physical, like a dance. Art has the ability to move us emotionally. It helps think about the world differently.

When artists are passionate about finding a solution to different problems in the world, they can use their artwork to inspire action. One example is when artists use plastic bottles in their work in order to raise awareness about the environment. This is **art-ivism**.

Art-ivism invites everyone to participate in imaging a better world.

### think about it.

Many social movements around the world are connected through the use of symbols. These symbols are a way of conveying purpose and intention in an easily identifiable way, like the peace sign ☺

In the boxes below, **share about a social issue that is important to you**. What is it and why is it important to you? Why do you think it should be important to other people? Then, **create a symbol** that you think should represent the social issue, and finally, **explain how the symbol represents the issue**.

A social issue important to me is...

Draw your symbol

Explain your symbol

### talk about it.

Find a friend, classmate, or family member and discuss any of the following questions:

- Art can be visual, auditory, or movement. **What is your favorite type of art form?**
- **Have you ever used art to raise awareness about something? Share about it.**
- Have you ever seen a painting, a photograph, a poster, a cartoon or any kind of art piece that had a lasting impact on you? **Share about it and how it made you feel.**

### be about it!

Now it's time to take action.

Using the organizer on the right, **share a goal you have for using art to bring awareness to an important issue for you.**

Your goal should be something specific that you can achieve within a set amount of time.

Think of ways to involve your friends and family in achieving your goal.

I, personally, will...	With my family, I will...
My Goal is...	
With my friends, I will...	At my school, I will...