

# Lesson Plan \_

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## Find Your Voice Through the Arts

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**READ:** ART MEETS ACTION / [The Effects of Art on Society](#)

**Art** is a diverse range of human activities in creating visual, auditory or performing artworks, expressing the author's imaginative, conceptual ideas, or technical skill, intended to be appreciated for their beauty or emotional power.

Arts include painting, sculpture and architecture, also music, theatre, film, dance, and other performing arts, as well as literature, prose and poetry and even interactive media.

- Select an issue close to your heart
- Be driven by your own personal experience
- Study different sides of the issue with 3-4 trusted sources
- Create a portrait of someone you admire who deals with that issue\*
- Use any art medium.  
If graphic, it could be abstract to realistic \*\*
- Experiment with metaphors and symbols to tell your story
- Suggest your positive vision for the future

\* Ref\_ [More bios of American citizens listed by themes](#)

\*\* Ref\_ [Smithsonian Portrait Competition](#)