

# What is a social issue?

A social issue is a condition that at least some people in a community view as being undesirable. Everyone would agree about some social problems, such as murders and DWI traffic deaths. Other social problems may be viewed as such by certain groups of people. Teenagers who play loud music in a public park obviously do not view it as a problem, but some other people may consider it an undesirable social condition. Some nonsmokers view smoking as an undesirable social condition that should be banned or restricted in public buildings.

Every newspaper is filled with stories about undesirable social conditions. Examples include crime, violence, drug abuse, and environmental problems. Such social problems can be found at the local, state, national and international levels.

Specific community locations

Your own community consists of...

- your school and your school district;
- your village, town or city;
- your county.

The four examples of social problems above could possibly exist in all of these communities. For example, there could be a problem of increased stealing within your school or throughout the school district. Likewise, local police agencies—village, town, city and county—maintain statistics on crimes such as thefts within their jurisdiction.

Society

Recycling

government

Drugs

murder

death

crimes

Racism

bullying

human rights

stereotypes

# Social Issues Research and Reflection

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Pick two social issues that are important to you and for each one complete the following tasks:

- Write at least two sentences explaining why each social issue is important to you.
- Include some important information – fact based – about each of these social issues.

Remember! You will be creating a work of art based on one social issue so pick an issue that you are passionate about.

1. Social Issue: Society / Bullying

Why did you choose this social issue?

Theres bullying, fighting, name calling, ect. everyday! Its something that will never end no matter how hard we try. I want to bring notice to this and maybe change the way people think or act

List 5 - 10 fact based pieces of information about this social issue.  
Include the source(s) from where you found this information.

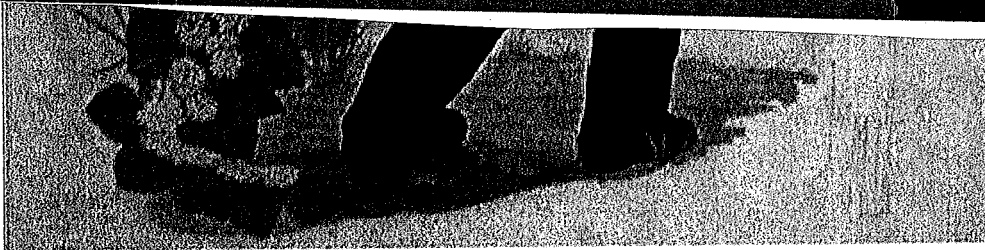
- 1 - Bullying is a major cause of stress  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  can leave anyone feeling hurt, angry, frightened, and even depressed (PR Newswire)
- 2 - Bullies come from homes in which there is harsh discipline and lack of warmth
- 3 - Many children live in broken homes (PMC)  
of one kind or another (No bullying.com)
- 4 - Bullying is a disease that cultivates and feeds off of the bloodline of social acceptance and like-minded opinion (The Huffington Post)
- 5 - Bully. Such a poisonous word for those of us who endured one. "Tormentor" feels more appropriate.
- 6 - Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life. (friendwatch.org)

2. Social Issue: Recycling

Why did you choose this social issue?

The world is polluted to much we can live longer if we recycle and help save the world from breaking down.

List 5 - 10 fact based pieces of information about this social issue. Include the source(s) from where you found this information.



movement on  
domestic life

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color  
variety  
race

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Find a contemporary artist whose artwork inspires you and is based on the same **social issue** that you have selected for your project. Include your source(s).

Search example:

contemporary artists whose art is based on stereotypes and labels

Artist's Name: Kerry James Marshall

Nationality: Birmingham, Alabama

Date of Birth: 10/17/1955 Death: Still alive

Three interesting facts about the artist:

- 1) author / artist
- 2) OTIS college of Art and Design
- 3) graduate 1978

What medium/media does the artist use?

Paintings / Sculptures

What is the artist inspired by?

his experiences as a young man

What statement does the artist make through his/her art?

Civil rights movement on domestic life

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spray painting

What is the artist inspired by?

his style is similar to Blek le Rat

What statement does the artist make through his/her art?

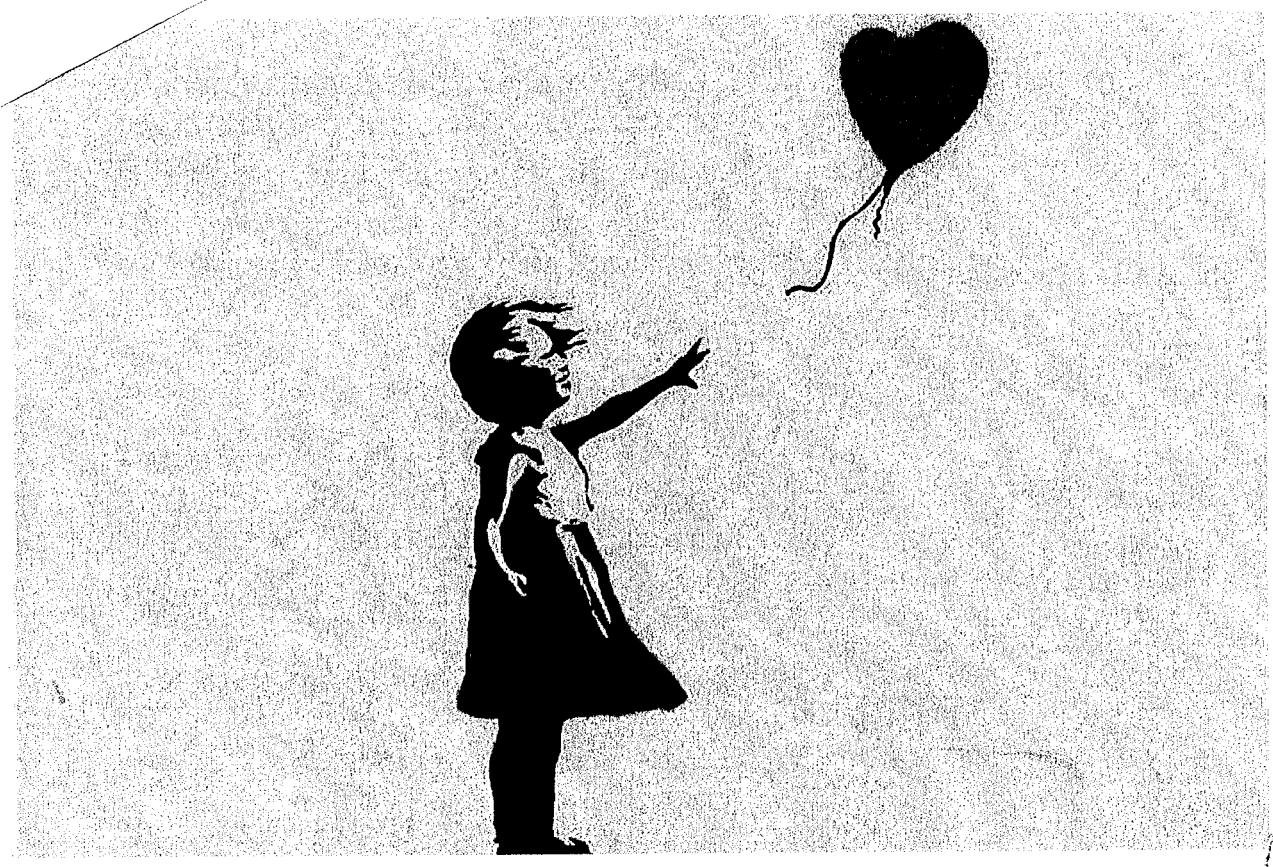
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## Social Issues Artist Research [2]

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Find a contemporary artist whose choice of medium/media inspires you to create your own social issue project with. Include your source(s).

### Search example:

*contemporary artists who work with acrylic paint and mixed media*

Artist's Name: Banksy Robin  
Shunningham

Nationality: England

Date of Birth: 1974 Death: current

Three interesting facts about the artist:

- 1] does illegal spraypainting
- 2] uses stencils
- 3] noone knows his identity

What medium/media does the artist use?

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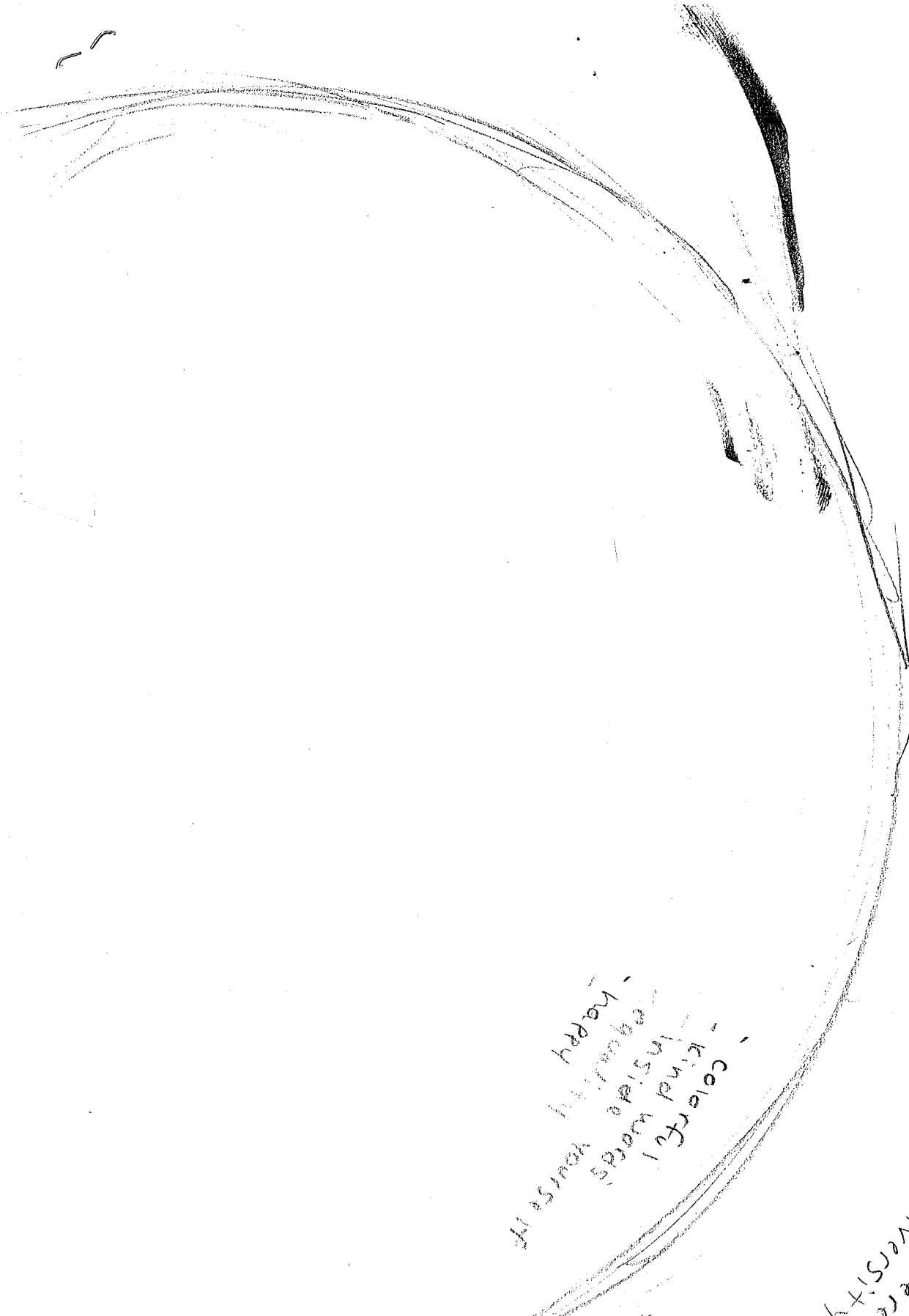
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- colorful
- kind words
- inside words
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- happy
- yourself

- have words
- discrimination
- sadness
- layered
- diversity
- diversity zone



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**STUDENT NAME:** [REDACTED]

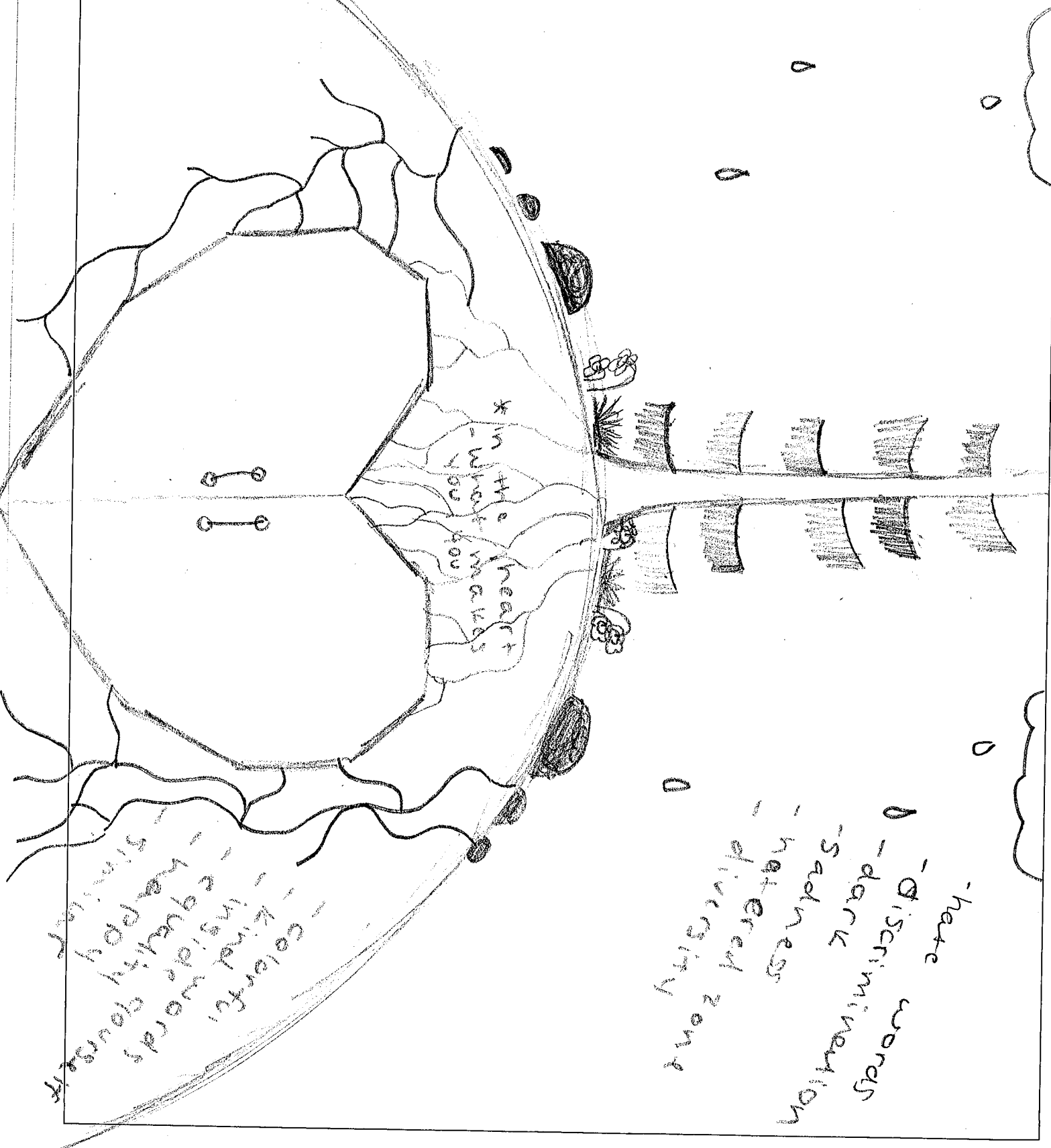
**PROPOSAL DUE DATE:** Monday 4.25.16

<p><b>Chosen Social Issue:</b> Bullying</p> <p><b>Chosen Medium/Media:</b> Paint/canvas/ Cardboard (collage)</p>	<p>Your finished project will be due:</p> <p><b>FRIDAY – May 20, 2016</b></p>
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**Describe the assignment/problem.** List the objectives and criteria. What are you supposed to do to complete this project? Have to choose a social issue that is a problem to us. Then our perspective of the social issue we choose. Then use any medium/media to create our project.

**Research.**  
Look at the work of other artists and learn more about their intentions, inspirations, themes, and ideas. Collect images from magazines and the internet. Take your own photos of inspirations if you need to. Use other visual journal pages as needed to collect your findings.

**Sketch.** Make preliminary sketches, plans, or thumbnail drawings of ideas. Use other visual journal pages as needed.



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**Connect to Prior Knowledge.** What in my prior knowledge will help me with this particular project? What techniques do I know that can be incorporated into the creation of this?

- Paint
- Blending
- Color wheel
- Sharpie
- shading / outline

**New Knowledge.** What do I need to learn more about in order to be successful with my goal(s) for this project? Where and how can I learn this? Collect the evidence of your new learning and attach it here and onto other visual journal pages as needed.

Balance  
Painting  
Coating  
Contrast

What will you do if you need certain materials that aren't usually used in Studio in Art?  
 Complete the calendar below to begin planning your work time.

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27 Paint	28 Paint	29 Paint	30	May 1
4 Work on back - ground	5 Work on background	6 Touch up	7	8
11 Heart	12 Heart	13 Heart	14	15
18 →	19	20 Social Issue Projects Due		