

**ACTIVITY GUIDE**

**Kurt Melancon – Tattooer**

**Writing/Essay/Journal**

Tattooer Kurt Melancon explains that the process of tattooing is very intimate because you are permanently altering the client's body.

Many of Kurt's client's tattoos tell a fraction of their personal story. Write a short story about yourself, then write about how you would represent that story visually, whether in a tattoo or a different medium.



**Activity**

The history of tattooing is long and varied. Perform some research on the history of tattoos and answer the following questions:

*What is the earliest known tattoo? How has tattooing changed over the centuries (methods, clientele, placement on the body, etc.)? What is the history of tattoos in the military? (Site your references!)*