

Sharon Louden - Artist

Objectives: Sharon Louden is not only a sculptor and painter, she is also a writer, a speaker, and an educator. To her, sharing one's truth is the human right of expression. In this activity, you will share your own truth, tell your own story through both a visual artwork and an artist's statement.

Standards (Suggested 4+):

ELA:

4.6.2.2 - Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly

4.6.4.4 - Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience

4.8.4.4 - Report on a topic and avoid plagiarism by identifying sources, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes, speak clearly at an understandable pace

Arts

4.1.1.5.2 - Describe how the principles of visual art such as repetition, pattern, emphasis, contrast, and balance are used in the creation, presentation, or response to a visual artwork

4.1.3.5.2 - Describe how visual art communicates meaning

4.2.1.5.1 - Create original two- and three-dimensional artworks to express specific artist ideas

Tools/Resources:

MN Original video clip, pencil, paper, art paper, colored pencils, markers, glue, scissors, magazines



Video Clip: <http://www.tpt.org/mn-original/profile/sharon-louden/video/minnesota-original-sharon-louden/>

Activity

- 1) Watch the segment and discuss:
 - a. In her episode, Sharon Loudon states, "...everything I do are things I feel grateful for"; what does she mean?
 - b. How does her statement connect with the human right of expression?
 - c. Sharon Loudon later says that an artist is a "cultural producer" who can "start something from nothing with nothing"
- What does she mean by this?
- 2) Brainstorm:
 - a. Think of your truth - how would you tell your story, or a part of your story? Think of a part of who you are, a memory that is important to you, or an event that was significant to you...how could you express that through visual art?
- 3) Once you have your idea, memory, or story, choose to use either pencil, colored, pencil, or mixed media/collage to create a visual artwork that expresses and shares your story
- 4) Write a short accompanying artist statement explaining your visual artwork and the motivation behind it.

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