Activity

LEARN ABOUT ART OUTSIDE OF THE GALLERY

land art generator initiative powered by art!

DESCRIPTION
Students learn about artists and artworks that were designed for outdoor spaces. The group is introduced to specific works of public art, land art, eco-art, and social practice art.

TOOLS
- Art Outside of the Gallery presentation
- Projector and/or computer screen

GOALS
1. Develop visual literacy skills
2. Identify art outside of the gallery
3. Comprehend new ways of communicating

TIME TO COMPLETE ACTIVITY
30–45 minutes

ECO-ART
Eco-art is a contemporary art movement that addresses local and global environmental issues. Some eco-art is functional, striving to reclaim or restore damaged environments.

LAND ART
Land art, also known as earth art, is art in which the landscape or natural elements often form the basis for the artwork. Artists may create artworks directly in the landscape, utilizing their natural surroundings and integrating the landscape itself into their work.

PUBLIC ART
Any work of art that an artist has created to be displayed, heard, or performed in a public space can be referred to as public art.

SOCIAL PRACTICE ART
Social practice art includes a wide variety of strategies and techniques in which social interaction and exchange are the means for the artwork. Social practice art may involve community interactions, performance, interactivity, and much more!
STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1
Instructor shows page one and two of the Art Outside of the Gallery presentation. Group discussion about the points on slide two (copied below) is encouraged:

ART OUTSIDE OF THE GALLERY:
CONNECTS COMMUNITIES.
TELLS STORIES.
INVITES DIALOGUE.
ASKS QUESTIONS.
PROVIDES SOLUTIONS.

Step 2
Continue to view the remaining slides in the presentation. At each slide, have one person read aloud the paragraph about the artist and the artwork. Take a moment to think about what the artwork is doing. How many of the points on page two of the presentation are relevant to each artwork?

Step 3
As a group, come up with some answers to the question at the bottom of each slide.

FUN IDEA!

Think about how you can create your own work of art from things you find outside. Some artists who have done this include: Andy Goldsworthy (land artist), Chris Drury (land artist), and Noah Purifoy (assemblage sculptor).

If you create something like this please take a photo, share it with your group, and email it to us. We would love to share your ideas with the world!