

Protest Poster



Materials and Activity Procedure

Grade: 3rd - 12th

Duration: 30 minutes

Materials:

- **pencil**
- **eraser**
- **paper** (any solid color)
- **cardboard** (inside of cereal box or packaging box)
- **glue** or glue stick
- **circular shape** (compass, cup, plate, bowl, mug)
- **coloring tools** (crayons, markers, colored pencils, paints)
- **ruler** or any straight edge (book, frame, box, lid)

History:

Throughout history, art has been used in the fight for social justice. In the 1960's movement for civil rights, art was used to represent symbols of resistance. For example, the fist of resistance originated from the Black Panthers and can be seen presently in movements like Black Lives Matter. Another example is the symbol of an eagle used by the United Farm Workers to unite Mexican, Filipino, and Chinese farm workers in their fight for labor rights. Art has been used as a method to educate, convey messages for a specific cause, and as a connector that bridges people together to advocate for positive change. **What symbol will you create?**

How to:

- 1) Think of a social cause you are passionate about. Examples: Women's Rights, Black Lives Matter, Labor Rights, Environmental Justice, Indigenous Resistance, and LGBTQ+ Rights.
- 2) Create a symbol that represents the cause you chose. Get creative!
- 3) Using your pencil, sketch your symbol onto your paper.
- 4) When you are done sketching, trace your symbol using a black crayon and begin to decorate!
- 5) Use your glue stick to glue your paper onto the cardboard.
- 6) Once you are done, make your voice heard by placing your protest poster on your window or lawn. You can even donate it to someone who is going to a protest! Share your message with your family and friends.

Additional Resources:

United Farm Workers: ufw.org

Dolores Huerta Foundation: doloreshuerta.org

Cesar Chavez Foundation: chavezfoundation.org

Black Lives Matter Movement: blacklivesmatter.com

