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Subject area: Visual Art  
Grade level: 8  
Lesson title: Communicating With Art  

**Brief summary/lesson plan description**  
Students will learn how the Visual Arts tell the story of society and one’s personal story.  

**Common Core or State Standards Addressed**  
8.VA.Cn.10.1 Individually or collaboratively create art to reflect current interests, concerns, events, community, or group identity.  
6-8.VA.Cr.1.1 Apply methods/strategies visually or verbally to overcome creative blocks with a variety of media.  
8.VA. Cr.2.3 Apply visual organization strategies to produce a work of art or media that clearly communicates information or ideas.  
6-8.VA.Cn.10.1 Individually or collaboratively create art to reflect current interest, concerns, events, community, or group identity.  
6-8.VA.Re.7.2 Analyze contexts and media in which viewers encounter images that influence ideas, emotions, and actions.  

**Essential Skills and Strategies Addressed (Creativity/Critical Thinking/Communication)**  
Communicate emotions and feelings by creating a piece of artwork.  
Create a piece of art using mixed media.  
Collaborate with others discussing the message behind one’s work and it’s connection to society.  
Critical thinking by planning and visualizing the artwork as it is created.  

**Instructional Strategies/Differentiation**  
Access and adjust lesson content to fit individual learners level and needs. Provide a variety of resources.  

**Lesson objectives (Students will understand...)**  
Students will understand how art reflects current trends and understanding of society.  
Students will understand the process of creating a piece of mixed media.  
Students will create a piece of art using mixed media that communicates a message.
### Essential Questions to guide this unit/lesson and focus teaching and learning:

How does art tell the story of society?

### Technology and Resources Needed

- Slide show/examples of mixed media
- Supplies to create work of art

### Procedure (learning activities)

#### Pre-visit

Discuss mixed media with students.  
Look at examples.  
Use VTS (Visual Thinking Strategies) to facilitate discussion about various artworks.  
Discussion about how artists use their artwork to tell a story.

#### Day of Pavilion Visit

Tour art center.  
Collaborate with other students discussing the stories and messages they see in the various artworks.  
Attend VA center lab for lesson on mixed media art.

#### Post-Visit

Share mixed media projects with classmates  
Discussion on the messages/stories held in their artwork.  
Discussion on how art is a form of communication.

### Assessment Method

Formative assessment of the student’s knowledge based on small group discussions.

### Museum Exhibits/Resources Utilized

- Visual Art Gallery
- Visual Art Lab