

Black History Month: Celebrate Art

Explore the artwork from the influential African American artists Jean-Michel Basquiat, Kara Walker, Jacob Lawrence, and Mark Bradford.

Description of the Activity: In this activity, you will be presented with information (e.g. articles, video) and sample work from four (4) influential African American artists (Jean-Michel Basquiat, Kara Walker, Jacob Lawrence, and Mark Bradford). You will be asked one (1) general question about the influence of art on social issues. In addition, you will be asked to focus on two (2) of the artists and answer two (2) questions for each artist. The response to each question is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.

How SSL Hours Are Earned: Complete the activity according to the below instructions and earn one (1) SSL hour.

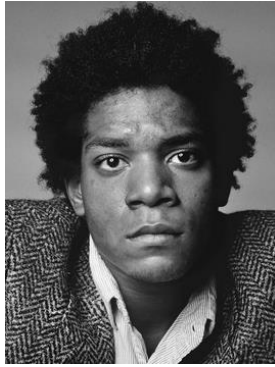
Deadline for this activity is: Friday, March 4, 2022

If you have any questions, please contact Hoover MS PTA at: HooverMSPTA@gmail.com

Please submit ALL the below REQUIRED information and responses to: HooverMSPTAwhm@gmail.com. In the subject line of the email write "BHM: Celebrate Art."

- 1) Student Last Name
- 2) Student First Name
- 3) Grade
- 4) Student's email address (Do NOT use your MCPS student email address. If you do not have a personal email, provide the email address of your parent/guardian. We need an email address to send your SSL form.)
- 5) Explore the information and art from the four (4) artists below. First, answer the general question below about the influence of art on social issues. Then, choose two (2) of the artists and respond to two (2) questions about each of the artists. ****Responses are required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.****
- 6) General Question: Is art an effective way to raise awareness of social issues? Why or why not?
****Response is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.****

Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat



Jean-Michel Basquiat



Obnoxious Liberals (1982)

Watch [video](#) about Jean-Michel Basquiat

Questions

1. What ideas, issues, feelings, problems, etc. does the artist evoke in their art? **Response is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.**
2. What inspiration have you gained from the artist's work and how will this motivate you to make positive changes in your community? **Response is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to earn SSL credit.**

Artist Kara Walker



Kara Walker



Christ's Entry into Journalism (2017)

Watch [video](#) about Kara Walker

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Artist Jacob Lawrence



Jacob Lawrence



Struggle: From the History of the American People, Panel 1 (1955)

Watch [video](#) about Jacob Lawrence

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Artist Mark Bradford



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Amendment #8 (2014)

Watch [video](#) about Mark Bradford

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