

The Hexagon Project

Interdependence Through Art and a Global Mindset



We Live in an Interdependent World.

What does that mean?

This project is the integration of Art and Global Perspectives classes for eighth grade students.

It is the collaborative work of both teachers working to create and implement the unit. Our district's philosophy or "WIRED", World Focus, Integrated Learning, Reflection, Engagement and Discovery are embodied in this critical thinking, learning experience.

The goals of the lesson are to engage students in cognitive thinking, personal reflection, and artistic expression concerning the topic of Interdependence and Civic Responsibility and to prompt them to consider their contribution to a more civil and peaceful world.

The lesson was implemented during a two to three week period meeting everyday for

forty-five minutes. The teachers taught together during two class periods to facilitate the viewing of video clips, conducting discussions and allowing students to work collaboratively to develop content knowledge regarding Interdependence and the artistic process. The classes then worked in their own classrooms to complete the research, art making and blog posts. However students were permitted to access either teacher for assistance when necessary.

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