



Violence Against Women Art Map Art Education Dialogues: Navigating Themes

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Level: Higher Education

Lesson Objectives:

- Students will explore the ten themes on the VAW Art map, including shame and victim blaming, silence, vulnerability, family and societal expectations, empowerment, protest, memorial, law and government
- Students will examine how artists use art activism for awareness, solidarity, and social transformation.
- Students will discuss art and art education censorship

Materials Needed:

- Access to the VAW Art Map website
- Lesson planning templates
- State or [National Standards for Art Education](#) (USA)

Summary of Tasks/Actions:

- The teacher introduces students to the Violence Against Women Art Map website. Students may explore the website in pairs for 30 minutes.
 - Ask students to consider, jotting down notes:
 - What themes do you notice? How do artists explore each theme in unique ways?
 - What similarities do you see between the artists? What are the differences?
 - What patterns do you see? What do you think these patterns emerged?
- **Discussion**
 - Reflect on map observations as a group.
 - Violence against women is a global problem. Consider the importance of learning about violence against women in schools.
 - Is this important? Why or why not?
 - Why is this topic infrequently discussed in the classroom, despite its prevalence?
 - Discuss censorship and foreseeable issues with art works regarding violence against women. How might an art teacher utilize the artworks created by artists on the VAW Art Map, while evading school censorship?

- What artworks might provide an entry point for discussion in an Elementary classroom? Middle school? High school?
 - To assist students in their thinking, consider issues such as respectful relationships, and gender equity
- **Lesson Planning Activity:** Ask students to design a (k-12) art lesson of their choice utilizing artists provided on the VAW Art Map. Encourage students to visit each artists' website, as they are not limited to the works that are visible to the VAW Art Map. Consider state or national art education standards.

We would love to see your lesson plans! Email us at: vawartmap@gmail.com

References

National Art Education Association. (n.d.). *National Visual Arts Standards*.
<https://www.arteducators.org/learn-tools/national-visual-arts-standards>