



THE **COMMUNITY STORIES** PROJECT

Community Stories is an ongoing project sponsored by Art Education 2.0 that invites teachers and students to research the visual, oral, and written records of their own communities for stories and images to share with others. The goal of this project is to learn about each other, from each other, across geographical, political, cultural, linguistic, or other borders. Sharing stories and images in this space creates opportunities for comparisons; as we teach each other about ourselves, we gain new insights into the differences and the commonalities among human communities.

Participants in this project are encouraged to identify and investigate global forces, noteworthy individuals, important events, cultural influences, and other factors that have shaped or defined their local communities in the past or the present. From the insights gained through this research process, participants can create works of art, writings, Web sites, zines, artist books, digital videos, podcasts, photographic essays, or other creative expressions that communicate stories of their community.

Once projects are completed, teachers are encouraged to submit visual (photographs or video) and written documentation of their students' learning and accomplishments to

this site for dissemination. Depending on the nature of the work, it can be linked to if it is displayed elsewhere on the Web, or it can be displayed on our photo or video pages.

AGE GROUP: Open to all ages.

MEDIA: Open to all media including drawing, painting, collage, bookmaking, sculpture, murals, mosaics, photography, digital imagery, multimedia presentations, and website design.

CURRICULUM AREAS: Visual Arts, Social Studies, Geography, Cultural Studies, Civics.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: This will vary from class to class, school to school. Student involvement in the decision-making process is encouraged as it promotes ownership of the project and it likely to generate more enthusiasm for completing the project. While responses from individual students under the guidance of their teacher will be accepted, collaborative efforts involving small groups or even whole classes are encouraged.

If you plan to display student artwork on this Web site at the completion of your project, you need to have completed parental permission forms on file for each of your students whose work will be displayed.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Teachers interested in discussing this project with other teachers are encouraged to register on Community Stories group on Art Education 2.0. Contact Craig Roland to arrange to have your students' work displayed on this site, if you feel special arrangements are required. Otherwise, you can upload your students' work to the photo or video pages. You can also create a blog page about your students' work that will allow you to embed links and images into the posting.

ANY QUESTIONS: Send them to Craig Roland via email on Art Education 2.0.