

## **Community Excursion #1: A Community Almanac**

**Part One:** Research an event that occurred in your community over the past 100 years.

Locate information on this event from newspaper or electronic archives, history books, or other local resources. Compile this information in a digital file for later use.

Collect visual items and documents that you feel reflect this event in some way (i.e., either literally or metaphorically) and bring these to the next class. These items may include graphics, photographs, maps, etc.,

**Part Two:** Create a work of art that represents your historical event. Working with the materials you collected, create a work that gives the viewer a sense of the historical event you selected.

The completed work must incorporate both images and text. It may be either two- or three-dimensional.

## **Community Excursion #2: A Community Treasure Map**

**Problem:** Design a map for someone to find a special place in your community—a place you think others might enjoy as much as you do.

**Part One:** Select a place in your neighborhood or community you think most people don't know about but would enjoy experiencing (e.g., a restaurant, store, park, etc.,)

Visit this location and record your observations concerning what makes this place special and appealing. How does the spot appeal to you sense of sight? Hearing? Touch? Taste? Smell? Write a brief description of this place and what makes it unique. Examine the route you took to arrive at this place in the same way. Look for landmarks and other sensory "clues" that might be useful in directing others to the location. Collect images, rubbings, and items that provide a sense of "place."

**Part Two:** Design a map that will enable others to find this special place. It may be multi-dimensional and appeal to all the senses (e.g., a clue might read something like: "At the spot where you smell the musty wood from the dead tree struck down by lightning, take a right." It may be drawn, collaged, or both. But, your map should be portable and logical.