

Why do people make Art?

People around the world make art to:

- seek personal enjoyment and satisfaction.
- express personal thoughts and feelings
- communicate with others.
- create a more favorable environment.
- make others see more clearly.
- provide us with new visual experiences.
- record a time, place, person, or object.
- commemorate important people or events.
- reinforce cultural ties and traditions.
- seek to affect social change.
- tell stories.
- heal the sick.
- adorn themselves.
- explain the unknown.
- worship.
- create an illusion or magic.
- predict the future or remember the past.
- earn a livelihood.
- do something no one else can (or has yet done).
- amuse themselves (or make us laugh).
- make the ordinary extraordinary.
- increase our global understanding.

Try This: Display examples of art from various cultures and time periods in the classroom. Ask students to speculate on the possible reasons why the art was made.