

Hearts by Philadelphia Street Artist: *Amberella*

Learning Goals: Students will explore using artmaking as a way to connect with others.

Assignment: Create a heart with an encouraging message inspired by the Philadelphia street artist, Amberella.

Artist Background: Amberella is a Philadelphia based street artist known for her large black hearts with encouraging messages. Being a street artist means that Amberella makes art for the community by sharing it in outdoor public spaces, like the side of buildings. Her art can be found throughout the streets of Philadelphia.

Activity:

1. Brainstorm Encouraging Statement

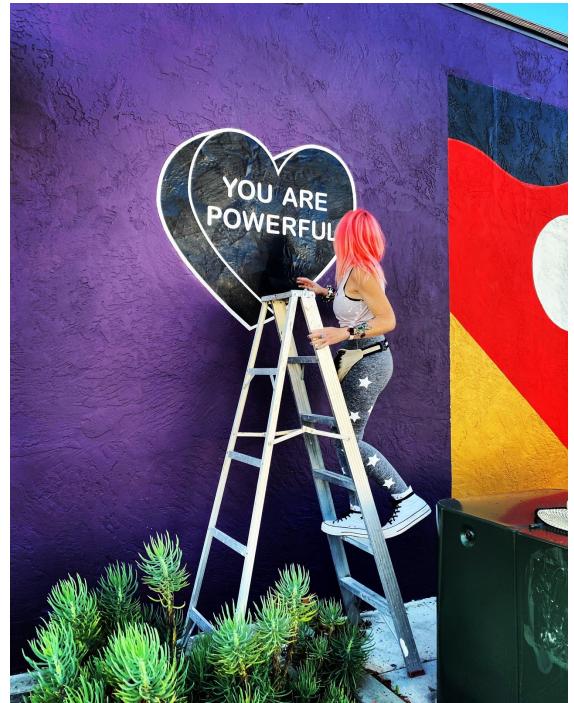
Amberella's hearts are short encouraging statements that anyone passing by can read and feel connected to.

Brainstorm a list of 2-3 statements you are interested in using for your heart. This can be done individually or as a family activity.

2. Draw a heart (on paper, large cardboard, on the sidewalk with chalk... your choice!)

Decide what size heart you want to make your heart. Go as small or large as you'd like! You may draw a 3-Dimensional heart like Amberella or a regular heart shape.

Symmetrical Heart Tip: Fold a paper in half and draw half of a heart shape on the crease. Cut out the heart shape while it's still folded. You can use this as your heart or use it as a tracer to make multiple hearts!



3. Lettering

Write your statement to fill up the heart space. (Short, simple statements work best!)

Take your time and have fun with your lettering. You can use Amberella's style lettering with all caps that are clean and simple or try something new.

4. Add Color

Color your lettering and heart! Think about what colors you want to use and how they will make people feel when they see it. Do you want to use uplifting colors that will cheer people up? Do you want to use colors that make people feel calm? Give it some thought and have fun.

5. Share your art

Share your art to help spread some cheer! Display it in your home, give it to someone you love, or post it in your window to put a smile on a neighbors' face.

Post Art Reflection: Have you ever seen art in public that made you feel happy or excited? Chat with a family member about ways creativity can make people smile or make a community feel more connected.