

Total time

45
minutes

Age group

All ages!



Collage Art: Hopes for Our Planet

Lesson Plan

“There is no change without dream, as there is no dream without hope.”

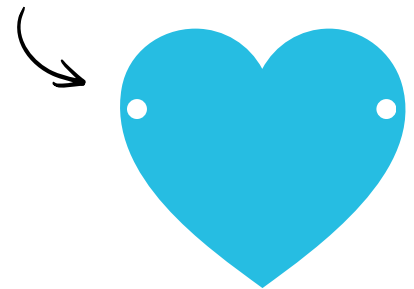
-Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of Hope

LESSON OVERVIEW

Students explore biodiversity and their hopes for the planet through a nature walk and collage-making. Outside, they collect natural materials; back inside, they combine found objects, prints, and drawings on a heart-shaped canvas to create a personal vision for a thriving 2030.

MATERIALS

- Plain canvas/paper cut into medium sized hearts (can choose size of width between 15-30 cm). Heart cut out should have two hole punches on either side to allow for them to be hung after the collages are complete.
 - Alternative: use a regular piece of paper
- Nature prints/magazines
- Scissors
- Glue & tape
- Markers & crayons
- Stickers
- String for display (optional)



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Think:

- About the concept of hope
- About my own hopes and other people's
- About biodiversity and climate action

Feel:

- Hopeful about the future
- Safe to share personal hopes for the future
- Inspired by hearing the hopes of others

Do:

- Imagine a hopeful future for the planet
- Share views and listen to others
- Express views creatively

LESSON PLAN

1. Open | 5 min

- Think-Pair-Share: What are your favourite things to do in nature?

2. Imagine | 10 min

- Ask students to close their eyes for 1 minute and imagine stepping out of a time machine into 2030.
 - What do you see? What do you hear? How do you feel?
 - Guide them from personal hope to outward hope: Your hope for yourself? For your family and friends? Your hope for your neighbourhood and environment? Your hope for your country? For the world? For nature?

LESSON PLAN CONTINUED

3. Connect | 5 min

- Introduce biodiversity and the Global Goals. Explain how the variety of life on land and in water connects to our shared hopes for 2030. This is something they should keep in mind for the activity since their collages will be on hopes for the planet and hopes for biodiversity.
- Definition for the Global Goals: The Global Goals are like a giant "to-do" list for the entire world to make sure the planet stays healthy and every person is treated fairly. By checking off things like ending hunger and protecting the oceans, they help us build a future where everyone has what they need to live a happy life.
- Definition for biodiversity: Biodiversity is made up of every single living thing on Earth, from the tiniest ants in your backyard to the huge whales in the ocean. It's nature's way of making sure we have a big variety of plants and animals so the planet stays healthy and works exactly like it's supposed to.

4. Nature Walk | 10 min

- Ahead of the walk explain the parameters of the walk to the students (boundaries, safety, what is permissible to collect vs what is not).
- In pairs, head outside to collect natural materials (leaves, petals, bark, stones) for their collage.
- While students are outside, set up tables with hearts, prints, glue, markers, scissors, and stickers.

5. Create | 15 min

- Seat students. Re-explain: the collage should show their hope for the world and nature. Encourage all materials. Remind them there is no right or wrong way to create. Keep asking: How does this connect to your hope?
- As students finish, round up hearts and hang them on the string for display so that students will be able to walk around and view all the collages during the Gallery Walk.

6. Share & Close | 5 min

- Gallery Walk: Students walk around and observe each other's collages. Encourage them to notice shared hopes, recurring colours, and symbols.
- Closing Circle: Invite a few students share their collage and one hope. Also encourage students to share if they noticed any shared hopes, recurring colours, and symbols.
- Close with a reflection on biodiversity and the power of collective action.
 - Closing message guidance: Today, we saw how every one of your collages is different, just like the millions of plants and animals that make up our planet's biodiversity. Even though your art is unique, we noticed a lot of the same hopes for a cleaner, kinder world, which is exactly why the Global Goals act like a giant checklist for us to follow. By working together on these goals, we aren't just helping people; we are protecting the huge, colourful web of life that keeps our entire world healthy and happy.

Educator Tip

- There are no right or wrong answers. Praise effort over output. If a student shares something personal or distressing, acknowledge their feelings, pause the activity if needed, and gently re-centre on hope when ready.

HOW TO ADD YOUR WORK TO THE MAP OF HOPE

Take photos of each individual artwork.

Plus a photo of your classroom's creations combined.

If possible, we'd also love to see any other photos of your students and the lesson taking place. Please ensure you have any permissions needed for photos showing children.

1. Visit this [link](#) address to the **Map of Hope**

2. Complete the form:

- Enter your name and a few details.
- Locate your city on the map.

3. Upload your images:

- Click the upload button within the form.
- Select the images you wish to submit (photos of postcards, individual artworks, and/or the assembled classroom creation).

4. Submit your form:

- Once your images are uploaded, click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the form.

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THE GLOBAL GOALS

For Sustainable Development



1 NO
POVERTY



2 ZERO
HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



5 GENDER
EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND
CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND
ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED
INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE
ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW
WATER



15 LIFE
ON LAND



16 PEACE AND JUSTICE
STRONG INSTITUTIONS



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



Be Hope artwork created by Yinka Ilori