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Movement Mondays: Community Storytelling through Murals



In every community there is a story to be told. Stories are about making connections. A story can create a connection between the people and their community. The power of community storytelling lies not only in the stories, but in the process of creating those stories. Murals are a way to incorporate the ideals of a community into a painted story.

In this Movement Monday Activity, imagine murals in your community.

Supplies

Pencil, Paper

Instructions

Step 1: With the help of your parent or guardian walk around your community and look for an ideal area or building that you would like to put a mural. What story do you want to tell about this location? If you're not able to take a walk, pick a place from memory or look up your neighborhood in books or online.

Step 2: With the help of your parent or guardian take a picture of the area you would like to put a mural. While you are looking at the space, think about these questions:

- Why did you pick this location for your mural?
- How would a mural in this location affect you or your community?
- What story do you want to tell with your mural?

When thinking about these questions, visualize how your artwork may take shape.

Step 3: Once you return home, use a pencil and paper to write down your story. Think about how this story connects with the area you chose and your community. What colors, shapes, words or images come to mind when you think of your story? Write these ideas down.

Step 4: Have your friends and family listen to your story and your idea for a mural. What do they think about it? What would that add or change?

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