



Greta Kelley

Use your weapon

Speak





Personal Connection

My poster, titled 'use your weapon' was inspired by the book 'The Hate U Give'. This book followed the life of a teenage girl who experienced and witnessed extreme racism and forms of police brutality. The main character, Starr watched her friend get shot in a drive-by at age 10 and comforted her friend when he was taking his last breath at age 16. Starr was there when her friends were shot, and she was also there to carry their memory and fight back against injustice. A weapon does not have to be something that draws blood. Sometimes the most effective weapon is a voice, a voice that can share its opinion, raise awareness, and retaliate. "What's the point of having a voice if you're gonna be silent in those moments you shouldn't be?" This is a quote from The Hate U Give. It shows that if you are given something you should use it to the best of your abilities and never suppress it. A voice is a gift, and no one should ever be too scared to speak up.



Global Context

- Fairness and Development- What are the consequences of our common humanity?

I chose Fairness and Development as my Global Context because the poster relates to many real-world injustices. The poster's main theme is speaking up, but it also references the idea of code-switching and having two different lives. Starr's two lives require different personalities. Both places are her home, but she gets condemned and criticized for acting the 'wrong' way in the opposing environments. Another picture in the poster shows how death might take you away from reality, but it will never demolish the life you lived, and others continue to live for you. Not even three bullets to the chest can make love disappear. All these themes and ideas are represented in the poster. They relate to Fairness and Development because they explore human rights and demonstrate authentic realism of peace and war.

Approaches to Learning



Self-management

I used self-management skills because I managed my time, organized my project, and used fine-motor control. Productivity and managing time is always a challenge. I needed to provide enough time to finish and supply an adequate result. For the poster I needed to make sure every theme was well represented and understandable. Finally, I used fine-motor skills to draw, paint and finalize my project.

Thinking

I also demonstrated effective thinking skills in this presentation. I used the book, 'The Hate U Give' as a resource, but also researched other events demonstrating racism. I applied my research to my project and created a visualization. My comprehension of the book and certain current events widened due to the additional knowledge of racism gained from this project.

Communication

I used communication skills because I portrayed my viewpoint to the audience through artwork. Using minimal amounts of words engages the viewers and establishes expressive interactions. The artwork allows the audience to use their imagination and decide what the artwork represents to themselves with no right or wrong conception.

Reflection



This project was extremely fun and captivating. I enjoyed conveying my point of view to the audience visually with limited words. If I were to redo this project I would have made the font for the quotes larger. I would have also changed the way Khalil, Natahsa, and Starr are positioned. I would've put them all in a semi-circle placing their hands on top of each other, holding their harry potter wands. This would demonstrate that the loss of their lives, could never destroy the memories and moments from before. The outcome of my project was near my aspiration. Despite my inclination for amazing artwork, I was left with having to trace many outlines. Although the artwork is inferior to others I enjoyed completing the project and was overall pleased with the results.