

Main concept: In times of crisis, communication is more important than ever before. In this course, students will learn to combine elements of creative storytelling (through art, poetry, and other forms of writing) with expressing their own thoughts and feelings on the current events around us.

Soft skills: Identity analysis, creative thinking, self-awareness...etc.

Hard skills (product): Three thought-out pieces of writing, art, etc. on an event you feel strongly about and would like to share with other people

Class one: Immersing ourselves in the moment

- Why should you care about what's happening around you?
 - opening activity: Ask the students what they feel about all the things happening right now.
 - brief overview of national events (pandemic & quarantine, BLM movement, etc.)
 - explore available materials (podcasts, books, movies, etc.) for staying updated on important events

Class two: What self expression really means

- When things happen out of our control, what can we do to take back our voice?
 - opening activity: Ask students what they do when they feel powerless
 - explain what 'self expression' means
 - explain why, in times of crisis, effective communication is one of the most powerful tools of advocacy (peaceful protests, editorial essays, art activism, etc.)

Class three: Choosing your medium

- As an individual, what do you think is the best way for you to communicate how you feel?
 - opening activity: Discussion about all the different ways to express yourself
 - guest speaker(s): An established artist/writer who has something they can share

Class four: Working on your projects

- Guest speaker: Artist

Class five: Working on your projects

- Guest speaker: Poet

Class six: Present!

- Kids get to present the projects that they've been working on to the class