

Printmaking: Art on a Social Issue

VAPA standard 2.6 Create a work of art that addresses a social issue

“What is a **social issue**?”

Matters that directly or indirectly affect members of a society. They are considered to be problems and are usually related to moral values. Because of this, solutions are often controversial.

“Why should artists address **social issues**?”

Images are powerful and artists can often say what words alone cannot. Nina Simone once said “It’s the artist’s duty to reflect the times in which we live.”

What **social issues** affect you the most?

The diagram consists of four nested rounded rectangles, each representing a different level of social impact. The innermost rectangle is labeled "Self/Family". The next rectangle out is labeled "City". The third rectangle is labeled "Country". The outermost rectangle is labeled "The World".

What **social issue** would you like to focus on for this project?

iPad Research: Art on a Social Issue

1 What social issue or topic will you be researching?

2 What do you want to “say” about this social issue? *(What is your point of view?)*

3 Research **one article** about your topic that supports your point of view. Make sure you are reading a credible source (no opinion blogs).

Web address _____

Title of article _____

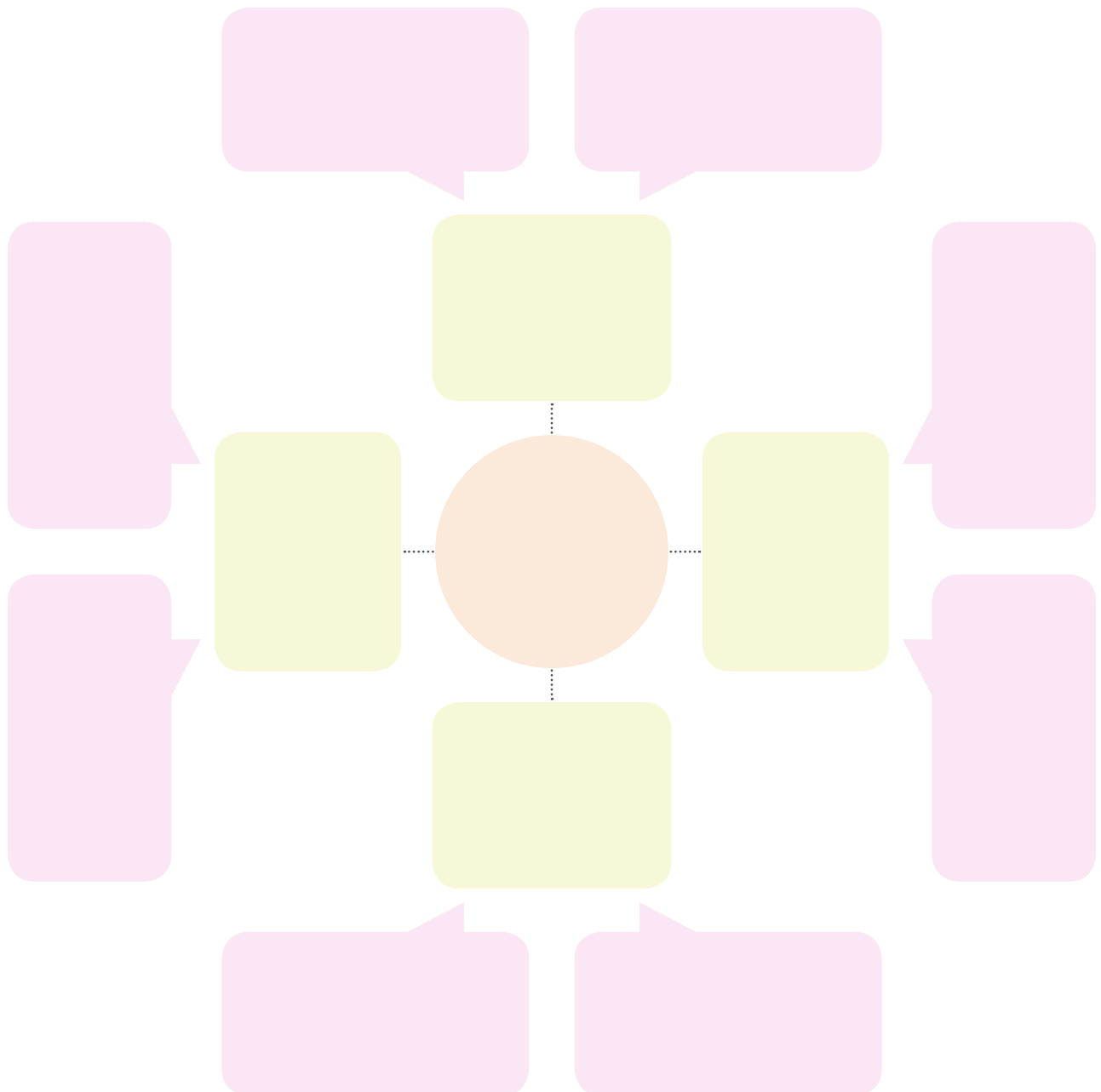
When was it written? _____

Who wrote or sponsored it? _____

Read the article and pull out three quotes/sentences that support your point of view:

Brainstorm

- 1 In the middle, write your **social issue**. (*Example: pollution*)
- 2 In the next bubble, break your **social issue** into more specific details. (*Example: poor air quality, littering, oil spills, etc.*)
- 3 Then, write down “picture words” that come to mind when you think of that specific detail. (*Example: a giant menacing factory with smoke, trash in a park, oil covering a beautiful sea creature.*)



Name: _____ Period: _____

Use this space to sketch at least 3 small ideas (also called thumbnails) for your relief print.

Remember that you are not illustrating the problem. Your drawing should promote positivity and/or raise awareness. Include a slogan if you need to!

Line Drawing: Art on a Social Issue

After your idea is approved...

Use the space below to sketch out a full sized LINE DRAWING of your print idea. Include any text you might need (optional). Your design can be vertical or horizontal. Make sure you use the Principles of Art to show balance in your composition!

