

TIG Quest: Art!



TakingITGlobal is dedicated to showcasing independent media created by youth. Our website has many portals where youth can upload, share, and discuss different forms of media and art. The Global Gallery section allows youth to upload their artwork and showcase their talent to youth around the world. Here are some activities that you can do to help you learn to navigate the gallery and share your ideas and passions with other youth within our online community. For all of the activities below make sure you have gone through TIG Quest for Beginners and are logged in under your own user name.

1. Reflections on Artwork Submissions

Go to the Global Gallery Contest Page Archive

(<http://www.takingitglobal.org/express/gallery/contests.html>)

- a) Review the art submissions within the past contest collections (ie: Education and Learning, Travel & Migration, Hidden Realities, The Value of Water, Interpretations of Wellness and Illness, Defining the Struggle for Peace, Life As I Know It, etc.)
- b) Select your favourite 3 collections/contests. Within each of the contests, select your favourite art submission.
- c) Login and post a comment on each of the 3 selected submissions.
- d) When constructing your comment (which should be about 1 paragraph in length), consider the following: Why was this one of your favourite submissions? What did it make you think of? What did you learn from looking at this submission? How does the artwork make you feel? Does it remind you of anything? Does it inspire you to want to do something?
- e) Once you are done print out your comments and staple them together to hand in to your teacher to review!

2. Express yourself!

Go to the Global Gallery Main Page

(<http://www.takingitglobal.org/express/gallery>)

Tools: TakingITGlobal Guide to Action

(<http://www.takingitglobal.org/guidetoaction/>)

- a) Complete the Reflect sheet (page 3) from the TakingITGlobal Guide to Action to brainstorm different global issues that you are passionate about.
- b) Break into groups... find other students in your class with similar interests and start an art project together. It can be a collective mural, digital art, or a collage, as long as it gets your theme across clearly.
- c) Once you have finished your piece scan it and upload it on the Global Gallery page to share with other TIG users!

2. Take Action! (bonus activity)

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- a) Create an exhibit for your classroom that showcases all of the different themes that you've explored in your groups.
- b) Organize a fundraiser talent show / art exhibit around a set theme voted on by the class. Encourage students within the school to submit their art, music, and writing. Fundraiser could be held to donate funds to a local group (or to create a program in school to address the issue) At the talent showcase - involve multiple forms of art & media (ie: films, bands, skits) You can share poetry, music, and the art that you created for your classroom's Global Gallery Exhibit.

For more information on the history of Coffee Houses check out this video from the Prelinger Archives:

<http://www.archive.org/movies/details-db.php?collection=prelinger&collectionid=01880a&from=collectionSpotlight>

TIG Member Top 5:

According to a recent TakingITGlobal survey, the top 5 social issues of interest to youth include:

1. Health & HIV/AIDS
2. Peace and Conflict
3. Environment
4. Human Rights
5. Globalization