

Canada's Dark Secret Response Healing Art Activity - 10%

“What else is art other than the reflection of our deepest spirit, our souls and the elevation of our rightful, uncensored selves?” – Rene Meshake, Anishibaabe artist and residential school Survivor.

Artistic expression is a holistic and healthy way to process thoughts and feelings when learning about the Truths of residential schools in Canada.

Part A – 5%

You will be provided with a variety of media (pens, pencil, charcoal, oil and chalk pastels, watercolours and markers) to create a piece of art. The art may include figures, decorations, words, or any other imagery which helps you to express your thoughts and feelings following the lesson on residential schools. The art may be held on to, may be put out into nature as a way to “let go” of it and return it to the universe, or may be mailed to an address provided to be given to a residential school Survivor.

For those who would prefer to submit digital art, utilize the art program of your choice to create an image that represents your response to the video. Responses can be emailed to the instructor.

For those who would prefer to write a poem or a song, these submissions will also be accepted and can be presented written, submitted digitally, or presented verbally on arrangement.

Part B – 5%

You will create a journal entry answering the following questions:

- What is/are the subject(s) of your artwork? What things do the images represent?
- What feelings are you trying to convey through your artwork?
- What would you hope others would see when they look at it? What would you hope they take away from a viewing?
- How did completing this artwork affect you today? What role do you think healing art could play in the lives of others?

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Healing Art Activity Rubric - 10%**

	Criteria				Points
	Level 4 9-10 points	Level 3 6-8 points	Emerging 3-5 points	Limited 1-3 points	
Artwork Completion & Comprehension	Artwork assignment is complete and demonstrates a clear understanding of the project.	Artwork assignment is complete	Artwork assignment was begun but was not complete	Artwork was not started	
Journal Entry	The journal entry explains the topic and inspiration of the artwork, and extends the discussion to the role of healing art.	The journal entry explains the topic of the artwork and the emotions or thoughts that inspired it.	Journal entry does not clearly discuss the topic of the artwork.	Journal entry is incomplete or does not address the discussion items listed.	
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