

Objects and Meaning

Unit Plan: Comfort and Objects

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Big Idea Intro

- Objects and Meaning

- Students should understand:

- Objects can have differing meanings depending on the person and context the object is in.
 - Objects can have symbolism and hidden meanings.
 - How to interpret objects in their own lives and others.
 - Concept of Differing perspectives or opinions and gain a better understanding of how they interact with them.
 - How to communicate their own ideas with their peers better and to think more critically.

- Importance:

- Each object we face in our daily environment has meanings associated with it whether it is personal, social, or aesthetic. It is important to understand that not everyone has the same experiences to create the same meanings behind objects. We all interpret objects and art differently due to our unique experiences.

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- Essential Questions:

- Does everyone view all objects the same?
- How does one create a connection with objects?
- How do objects acquire meaning?
- How do objects have different meanings for different people?
- Are there any hidden meanings in objects?
- What can you do to change someone's views about a certain object?

- Three project topics and their learning purpose:

- *Adorn, Equip*: Collaborating with someone who is unlike them and possibly out of their element working to reach the same goal.
- *Comfort and Objects*: Showing how personal experiences relate to objects meanings.
- *Objects in advertising depict gender roles*: Objects and their functions within our visual culture.

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- Supportive Activity:
 - After watching a video with [Grainne Morton](#), reading about [Anna Lewis](#), and sharing stories from *Creature Comforts: People and Their Security Objects*:
 - Collect 7-10 objects they have at home that brings them comfort and security.
 - Pick 5 objects that they feel the closest with and answer a set of [questions](#).
 - Class Discussion

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- Art Making Activity:
 - Introduction Presentation
 - Wearable Comfort Project
 - Evaluation

