

**Pressing Matters
CMA Education Department
Outcome Worksheet**

Description of Program/Experience:

Pressing Matters partners the Museum with a middle school that has no arts program in order to provide a rich arts experience. CMA staff will bring authentic, socially charged works of art to the classroom to engage middle-school students in a two day interdisciplinary learning experience. Students will explore social issues relevant to their own lives and will communicate their concerns through creative expression and experimentation. The program also provides an intensive day at the Museum where students will engage with artwork from the Museum's collection and see art that they have created being displayed. The National Endowment for the Arts recognized this program with a Challenge America Grant.

Program goals:

1. To provide exposure to art
2. To encourage students to use art to explore and understand historical and current social issues
3. To foster creative expression and experimentation among students

Desired outcomes:

1. Students will develop a positive attitude toward or interest in art
2. Students will feel pride in their artistic expression
3. Students will feel excited about the artistic process
4. Students will develop an interest in visiting a museum
5. Students will become aware of oppression and freedom as historical and current social issues
6. Students will connect one social issue to their own life