Wanna Piece of Me

Bits and Pieces

All of the activities for this project are presented and explained in class, and you have a chance to read and see numerous samples of work by past students. Most of the activities also come with full fledged guide sheet handouts which are accessed from the long-term section of the harrellland website. For a few of the activities no handouts are really necessary, but I've had a requests to add a few clarification notes and direct you to some helpful websites for guidance and inspiration should you feel the need. So here goes....

For #6, Name Bugs you can see some student samples in the Galleries section of harrellland website. Also, if you Google name bug art project then select the Art Projects of Kids with Kathy Berbro site you will find easy directions. We are using 8 ½ by 11 (or smaller) size paper for our Name Bugs (or creatures) however.



For #12, Recipe for Me and #21 Recipe for Relaxation you are using a recipe format to present who you are (#12) and for how you like to relax (#21). In the Wanna Piece of Me section of Long Term I've included my Recipe for Me as a sample. Many student samples of Relaxation Recipes are in past issues of *Making Waves* which are in our classroom. The main helpful guide for these assignments would be to brainstorm as many cooking terms as possible (roast, mix, gel, freeze, shake, sprinkle, dust with, fold in, spread, let rise, layer, etc) that could also relate to life and relaxing and to also pay attention to spices and items that have double meaning to both cooking and life (salt, thyme (time), cloves, plum, etc.) Such things can be Googled to infinity. Cookbooks and the shelves at Publix can be useful too. Don't forget the nutritional info, packaging, serving suggestions, etc. Think outside of that box, but stay in the kitchen! This is a fun activity.

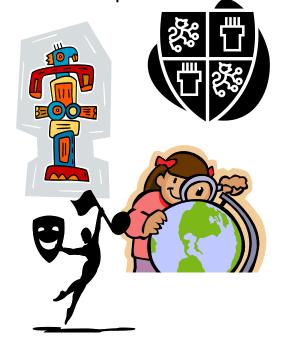


For #16, Sports, Art, Music, Dance and Me, a handout is provided which explains and reviews the project and also offers an art option in the collage style of **Romare Bearden.** Please visit his website for information and inspiration. Since I have a plethora of magazines for cutting and tearing, this is a great collage idea for us. You may, of course, write the tribute type poem instead (or in addition). **You only need to choose one area** (sports, music, etc) but you may create more than one or you may want to combine several favorites together in your collage and/or poem.

For #14, Advice, In class I have shared several classic advice poems that you could model on. Advice can take the form of collected adages you find or a creative poem or essay offering advice to others, yourself, or the world in general on how to live well. This is a very open ended assignment. We all have ideas on how best to give and receive advice and what form it should take...serious, satirical, outrageous, etc. You may give general life advice or limit your advice to one area...how to please/plague a teacher, how to train a sibling, how to survive Marrellland, how to choose a book to read, etc. I have a bunch of funny advice books on our humor shelf, and you know about the Quote Crate in the classroom as well as the quotes surrounding the walls. You could present this creatively as a Dear Abby, some sort of blog or twitter take-off, a Poor Richard's Almanac type booklet of advice, or like some of those funny things you find on the internet (99 Ways to...whatever) NB: For this assignment you are writing your original advice, however, not downloading from the internet. The only prepackaged advice you are allowed are the quotes (and be sure to include the source/speaker).

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For #23, Life as a line, dance, totem, coat of arms, myth, ballad, map, game...etc you are again given free range. If you perform your life as a dance, you'll need to make a DVD to share and write a brief explanatory annotation. If you choose a game, no need to create the whole game, just guides, directions and a mock up on paper. If you write a myth of your life or a ballad, just follow the model of brief famous myths (or superheros). A ballad is a story poem and Shadow Poetry link (harrellland homepage, poetry) can teach you that. If you choose to create a coat of arms or a totem, the best thing to do is Google a helpful website which offers guidelines and background info. This piece of your Piece of Me, is in essence, some way of presenting yourself that culture or pop culture often uses or has used. It should be creatively fun for you. Choose what you feel excited about doing. Make it look neat and finished—polished.









A Few more bits and pieces...

#3 Learning Styles Temperament Test, Gregoric, Modalities, etc. After completing these items online, make note of your temperament (sanguine, choleric, phlegmatic, melancholic), your modality (visual, auditory, kinesthetic), Gregoric (concrete or abstract; random or sequential), right or left brain. Any other learning style/personality quiz you choose to do from the website link (homepage learning styles) will be fine to include as well. Then share this information in a well-designed, creative manner for your Wanna Piece of Me. You can see some ideas from past students in their Antholios. And, actually you can get some cool ideas from clip art such as this.

Just Google "brain"



#10 My Favorite Words Here is where you may reuse your Box of Words poem along with a photo of your objet d'arte. Or perhaps your "Mrs. Harrell, I Like Words" letter turned out great and you want to use it. You could also just arrange words from your ever-expanding "box of words list" in a creative way. Some of the Collecting Words activities or extra credit options would work well here too.

Present at least one of these options is a neat and creative way.









This may wrap it up for now:

We are doing the **Sun/Shadow mandala** in 7th grade and that would be great to include. Also, you 8th graders will want to add your **Credo** and **Personality Pop** for sure. Any clever ideas you want to include in Wanna Piece of Me, whatever grade you are in, will surely be all right. After all, this is **you in a book**.



