

60-80 MIN

MATERIALS

- Acrylic paint
- Canvas & Paper
- Markers & Sharpies
- Chalk, crayons & colored pencils

ACTIVITY GUIDE

ABORTION, ART, AND ACTIVISM

In this lesson, students have the opportunity to analyze art pieces and photos illustrating abortion access and reproductive justice. They will engage in community discussion about how art is a powerful tool in activism and then students will spend time working on their own creative project about abortion access.

HOW TO RUN THIS LESSON:

PART 01

Students break into small groups and analyze **ART PIECES AND PHOTOS** illustrating abortion access and reproductive rights in the U.S.

COMMUNITY DEBRIEF 01

What messages do you observe in these art pieces/photos?

Which art piece and/or photo resonated with you the most and why?

What feelings, sensations, thoughts, lived experiences came up for you as you analyzed the art pieces/photos?

What creative techniques did the artist use to convey their message? How did their use of color, composition, symbolism, etc. contribute to the overall impact of the art pieces/photos?

How did the art pieces and/or photos challenge or support your perspective onabortion access in the US?

Why is art a powerful tool for activism and social change?

PART 02

Students then create an art piece illustrating what abortion access or reproductive justice means to them*

COMMUNITY DEBRIEF 02

- Students should be encouraged to share their pieces with the community
- What was the inspiration for your piece?
- What does abortion access mean to you?
- * If some participants are hesitant to showcase their drawing capabilities, provide alternative options like writing a poem, a song, a rap, or a letter to a loved one considering abortion

