

Art activity for secondary students

R U OK? Art Activity



Duration	One-hour lesson; ideally completed over 2 lessons.
Learning intention	Students consider what connection means to them.
Activity focus	Students think about connection and how they connect with the people in their lives. Students express these thoughts about connection through the creation of a piece of art.
Resources required	○ Pen and paper for brainstorm ○ Materials to create student artwork.
Curriculum and wellbeing themes	○ Help-giving ○ Personal and social skills ○ Relationships.
Success criteria	○ Identify what connection means to me ○ Consider the ways I currently connect with the people in my life, including my friends.
Activity description	Part 1 – Introduce the R U OK? Art Activity Explain to students that they will be creating an artwork that answers the question ‘what does connection mean to you?’ Part 2 – Silent brainstorm Ask students to think about what artwork they will create to address this question. Encourage them to consider: ○ Why is connection important? ○ How do you connect with the people in your life? ○ Who do you feel connected to? Encourage students to think broadly and consider school friends, family members, pets, neighbours, people they play sport with etc. ○ When do you feel most connected with yourself? Part 3 – Creation of individual student artwork Students work individually, using materials and mediums of their choosing, to create an artwork that answers the question ‘what does connection mean to you?’ After all artworks are complete, encourage students to share what they have created with the class.
Reflection question	○ Who are you going to connect with this week?
Supporting resources	 Isaac Humphries R U OK? AMBASSADOR & PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER and a professional basketball player. <u>Tips for being a good friend, with Isaac Humphries</u>  #FriendBetter with R U OK? ruok.org.au <u>#FriendBetter with R U OK?</u>

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Judging criteria for optional in-school artwork competition

The suggested judging criteria for artworks include:

Criteria	Description	Score
Concept	How well does the work relate to the theme of 'connection'.	/5
Quality of composition	Skill displayed and how well the artistic elements work together to address the theme.	/5
Creativity and originality of expression	How imaginatively the artwork conveys an idea or emotion, or incorporates a specific story.	/5
Total		/15



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Congratulations

Thank you for your creativity and for thoughtfully exploring the
importance of connection through your artwork.



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