**Art Challenge**

Be an Artist-Activist by choosing an issue that matters to you and conducting research to create an artwork

* Claire Pentecost, Doris Salcedo, and Ai Weiwei are artists who strive to be useful and make the world a better place.
* Their art works are very diverse in media and techniques, and incorporate extensive research into the political or social issues they are passionate about.
* This Art Challenge gives you the opportunity to be an artist-activist:

• *choose* an issue that you are passionate about,

• *conduct* research, and

• *create* a work of art of any medium and technique that expresses your views and advocates for change.

* Be ready to explain:
  + your work in terms of your interest in your issue,
  + the research you conducted,
  + your choice of materials,
  + the aesthetic decisions you made in assembling them, and
  + the conceptual basis for the work as a whole.
* Please reflect on how it relates to your life and experiences.