

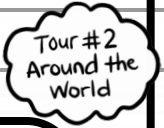
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AN EAST END ARTS STUDY GUIDE FOR KIDS AND KIDS AT HEART



ABOUT LOCAL DISCOVERIES:

- ➔ **WHAT?** Three exciting public art tours through east Toronto as part of ArtworxTO. You can walk, cycle or take public transit through the tours.
- ➔ **WHEN?** Launching September 22, 2021 for the Year of Public Art!
- ➔ **WHY?** To help you get moving, get outside, and get inspired! Go enjoy the incredible variety of street art in east Toronto and find new favourites.
- ➔ **HOW?** On foot, by bike or by transit. Be sure to bring your smartphone so you can engage with the public art pieces even more.
- ➔ **WHO?** You! And your family or friends!
- ➔ **Where?** Tour #2, the Around The World Tour, goes along Danforth Ave, then down to Queen Street East from the Don River out to the Beaches.

HOW DO NEIGHBOURHOODS BEGIN?



Of course we all know that before European settlers arrived here, Toronto was home to Indigenous peoples for thousands of years! Let's look at some of the diverse areas we pass through on our second Local Discoveries art tour!

When the east end didn't look like a city at all, cattle and pigs were driven along roads leading into Leslieville. 100 years later there were not enough homes for newcomers and in 1905 a Shacktown developed east of Greenwood Avenue. People bought a **lot** and found bits of lumber, old crates, tarpaper, tin and whatever they could use to create their own homes.

Toronto's Little India started in 1972 when businessman Gian Naaz rented (and later bought) the Eastwood Theatre on Gerrard Street, which he named the Naaz Theatre. He showed **Bollywood** and Pakistani films. It became the star of Little India, with 43 shops and restaurants surrounding it selling South Asian **fare**.



Photo of Naaz Cinema, 1980.



FUN FACT:

The Naaz Theatre was the first cinema in North America to show South Asian films.



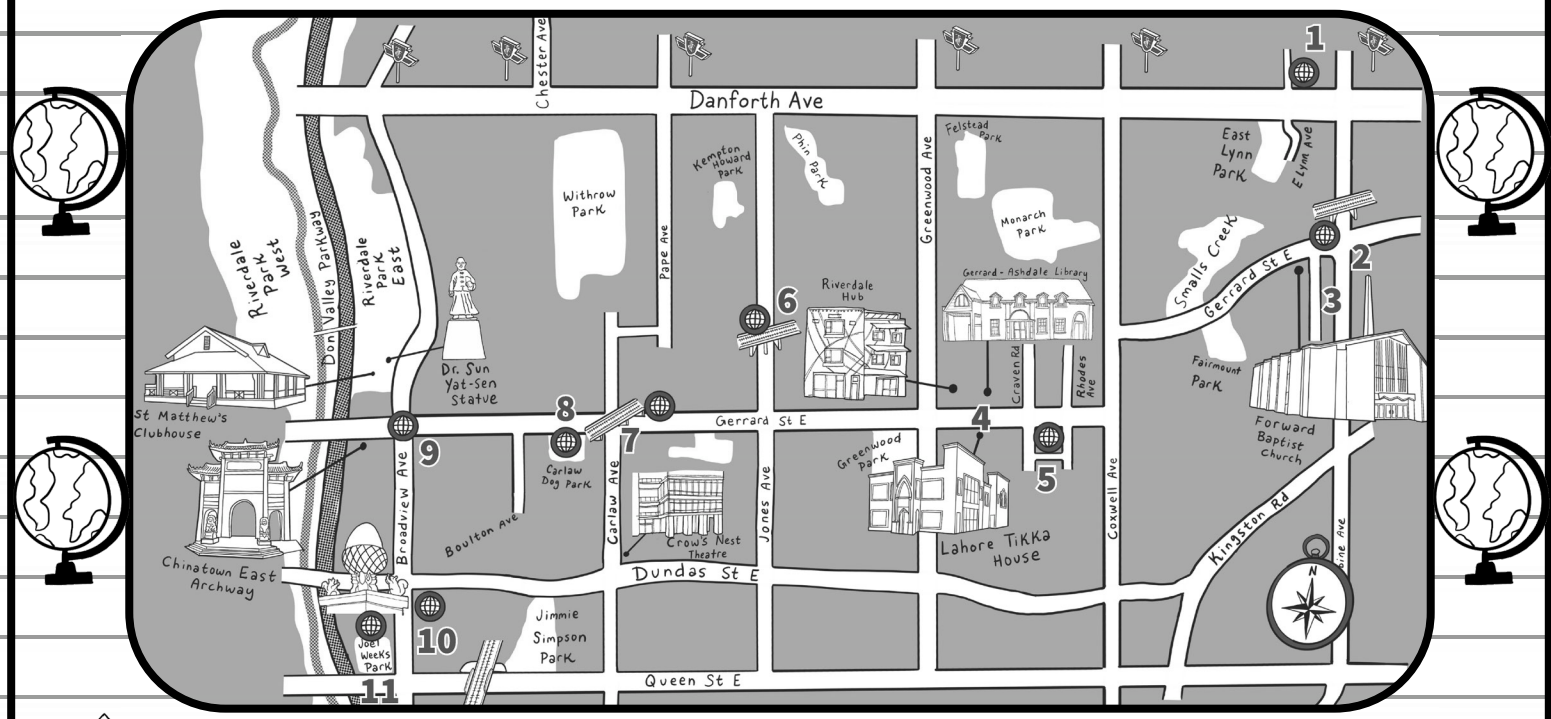


East Chinatown also came to be during the 1970s. Chinatown grew in the east end of Toronto at Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street, where rent and property prices were more affordable than in Chinatown West Toronto. Many Chinese and Vietnamese new Canadians moved in. The neighbourhood also came to be known as Little Saigon (after the largest city in Vietnam). A city within a city, a place to feel at home with **familiar** food, language, culture and art.

FUN FACT: There are 6 Chinatowns in and around Toronto. The oldest Chinatown in Canada is in Victoria on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

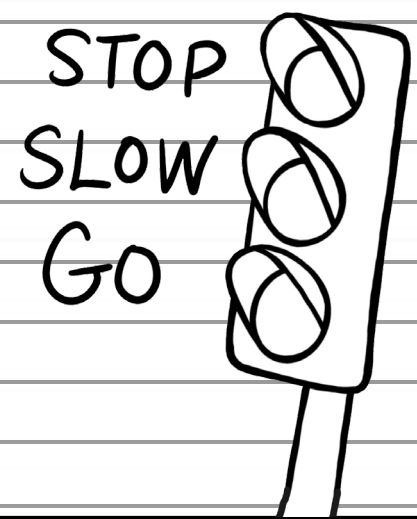
LOCAL DISCOVERIES TOUR #2: AROUND THE WORLD

East End Arts is thrilled to present a series of walking and bike tours celebrating the vibrant street art in the neighbourhoods we love! Tour #2, Around the World, celebrates the incredible diversity of global cultures that find their home in east Toronto!



STREET SAFETY TIPS!

- Before you head out on your tour, here are some good tips to keep in mind:
1. Stop at the curb or edge of the road before crossing, and never run into the street
 2. Look and listen for traffic to the left, then to the right and then to the left again
 3. Cross at the street corner at a light or at a cross walk (wait for cars to fully stop before you walk! Try to make eye contact with the driver)
 4. Always watch out for bikes travelling in bike lanes
 5. Never go between parked cars to cross the street





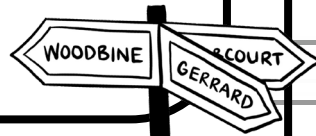
THE PUBLIC ART TO FIND:

This is like a scavenger hunt! Find the selected works on pages 3-6 of this workbook as you're exploring Tour #2! What catches your eye? What's unusual? What's familiar?

FIND:
The Radi'aal Encompass,
by Mediah (Evond Blake)
2014

The name of this mural is THE RADI'AAL ENCOMPASS. Doesn't it look like things are moving fast? An underpass is the entrance way into a community. Mediah has worked all over the world. His art uplifts viewers with **abstract** positive and energetic images.

In this workbook, draw a fancy compass showing the four directions East, West, North, South:



FUN FACT: There's a signal box with art by Mediah near by. Can you find it? It's at the North/West corner of Gerrard and Woodbine!

Did you find this public art?

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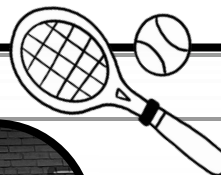
FIND:
Untitled,
by Poser & Jieun June Kim,
2018

A **collaboration** between mural artists is always a great chance to see the combination of two styles. Poser and Jieun June Kim use vibrant colour choices and whimsical themes. Don't these fun characters look like they're friends from different places? Playing together is a great way to get to know each other even if you don't speak the same language.

Match the games to their country of origin:

- Lacrosse
- Pato
- Cricket
- Boomerang
- Badminton
- Tennis
- Fly Fishing
- Chuiwan (Golf)

- JAPAN**
- FRANCE**
- CHINA**
- INDIA**
- AUSTRALIA**
- ARGENTINA**
- CANADA**
- ENGLAND**



Did you find this public art?

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← Strike a pose doing your favorite sport in front of this mural, there's lots of room!

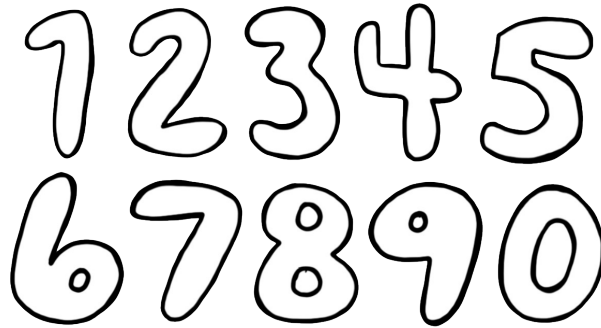
Bonus: Spot the canoe filled with pollinators!



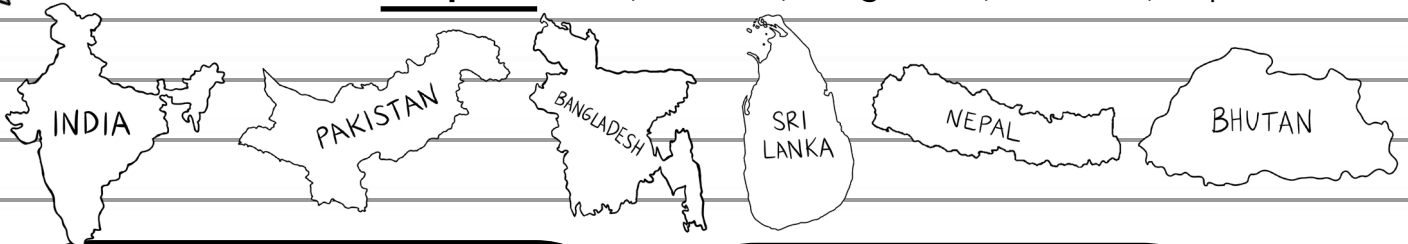
EXPLORE:
Little India - The Gerrard India Bazaar!

The Gerrard India **Bazaar** is one of Toronto's most colourful neighbourhoods, and not just because it's full of incredible sari shops, and all the sights and sounds of east Toronto's incredible South Asian community. This is a neighbourhood with a serious love of murals!

How many murals can you find in Little India? There are so many to count! Circle the number or numbers...



FUN FACT: South Asia **comprises** India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal & Bhutan.



A little about South Asian clothing:

More than Saris! Traditional Indian clothing for women in the north and east are **saris** worn with **choli tops**, a long skirt called a **lehenga** or **pavada** worn with **choli** and a **dupatta** scarf to create an **ensemble** called a **ghagra choli**, while many south Indian women traditionally wear **sari** and children wear **pattu langa**.

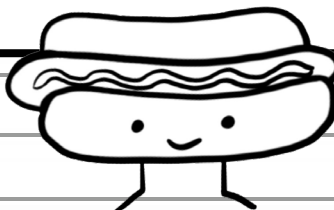
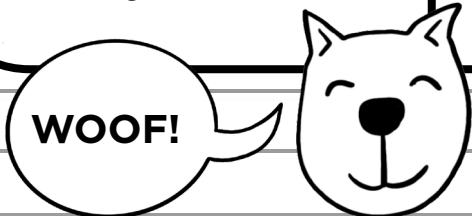


Check out this scene from Little India, and draw your own streetcar in the space provided!

FIND:
Carlaw Dog Park & The Gerrard St. Swirls, by Rowell Soller, Spud1, Kreecha, Flips, Myterious D, 2019-2020

There are seven different types of dogs in this mural!
The last one is a _____ dog. Yum! Does your family have a dog?

Draw a picture of a dog in the space below, hot dogs included!



Did you find this public art?

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FIND:
Like a River (Gerard St Underpass),
by Hello Kirsten, Julian Palma & Victoria Day,
2018-2019

Another underpass, another opportunity for public art! Kristen looks at patterns of textiles from Around the World and works them into the murals she creates. Can you imagine what these textiles feel like to touch? Rough, smooth, knitted, embroidered fabric?

Collect as many patterns as you can find while on your travels, and draw them here. Pencil rubbings work well for this.

FUN FACT: China and India are two of the world's largest textile producers and exporters of both raw textiles & clothing.

Did you find this public art?

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FIND:
The Seven New Wonders of the World,
coordinated by Mike "Wunder" Kennedy,
2016

All the Wonders of the World in Chinatown East! One series devoted to iconic wonders from around the world is in a parking lot. Stand on the sidewalk to have a safe look! A team of artists worked to create this incredible tribute to global cultures, many of whom find their home here in Toronto.

Can you match the World Wonder to the country it's from?
Draw a line from the wonder to the answer to the stamp.

Christ the Redeemer statue

The Great Wall of China

Machu Picchu

Taj Mahal

Petra

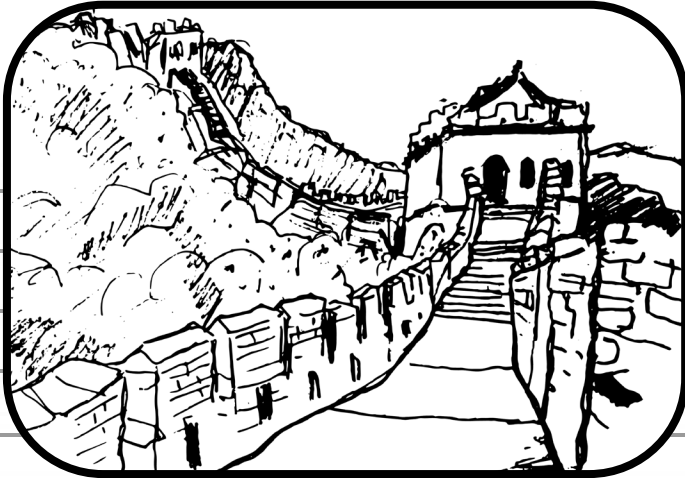
Roman Colliseum

Chichen Izza



Did you find this public art?

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FUN FACT: The Great Wall of China is almost 6500 kilometers long, twisting and turning like a wriggling dragon.

Colour in this drawing of the Great Wall of China with whatever fun colours you feel like!



FIND:
Inside Out Photo Project,
coordinated by Daniel Lui,
2020

Almost 200 portraits of students and staff line the wall outside Queen Alexandra Middle School in Toronto. The school is now part of a global art project called INSIDE OUT by artist JR representing inclusion, diversity and community.

Look at all the beautiful faces! How many faces do you see of students wearing head coverings? These could be hijabs, hats, head bands or even hoods! Draw one!



FUN FACT: There are different types of head scarfs that Muslim women wear around the world: **1. The Hijab** - the original Arabic meaning is partition or curtain. It comes in many different styles and colors and covers the head and neck but not the face; **2. The Niqab** - this head covering covers the face, hair and neck, leaving only the eyes; **3. The Burqa:** This headscarf covers everything including the eyes, leaving a mesh to see out of.

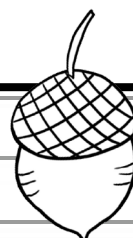
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FIND:
Echo,
by Mary Anne Barkhouse,
2015

Three statues of Canadian Wildlife in Joel Weeks Park. There's a fox, a beaver and four squirrels with a giant acorn. Land and water come together in these statues. Looking after both is necessary for nature to thrive and survive!

Draw a picture of what you see on the rocks below each sculpture. Flowers and plants, salmon swimming, rabbits running. Is that an otter?



Did you find this public art?

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HOMESCHOOLWORK



More to Read at the Toronto Public Library!

1. The magic paintbrush, by Laurence Yep
2. What about me?, by Ed Young
3. Craft it up around the world : 35 fun craft projects inspired by traveling adventures, by Libby Abadee
4. Around the world : who's been here?, by Lindsay Barrett George
5. Clothing around the world, by Kelly Doudna

ANSWER KEY:

Question on page 3:

Match the Game to the Country

Answers:

- Lacrosse - Canada
- Pato (played on horseback combining polo and basketball) - Argentina
- Cricket - England
- Boomerang - Australia
- Badminton - India
- Tennis - France
- Fly Fishing - Japan
- Chuiwan (Golf) - China

Question on page 5:

Match the World Wonders

Answers:

- BRAZIL - Christ the Redeemer statue
- CHINA - The Great Wall of China
- PERU - Machu Picchu
- INDIA - Taj Mahal
- JORDAN - Petra
- ITALY - Roman Colliseum
- MEXICO - Chichen Izza

“Life is a dictionary,” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS!



Lot: a piece or plot of land

Bollywood: the Hindi-language film industry of India. Hollywood is the American motion picture industry

Fare: food and drink

Familiar: something or someone known to you

Abstract: style of art in which objects do not look like those we know in real life or nature

Collaboration: when people work with each other to complete a task through cooperation and sharing of ideas, knowledge and skills

Bazaar: an area of small shops and people selling things

Comprises: to be made up of

Ensemble: a coordinated outfit of clothing



★ THE ART OF BEING ★

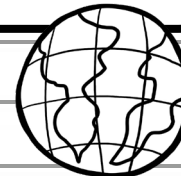
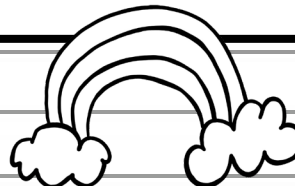
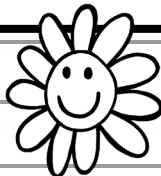
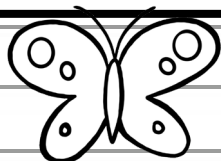
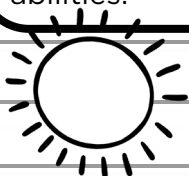
The world will be in your hands one day. Look for two hopes in each volume of Artskool! Let's find some...

Compassion

Recognize other peoples' basic rights. Before you turn to judgment, or thinking about whether someone deserves help, think about how you would feel if you were in their situation. We all need help sometimes.

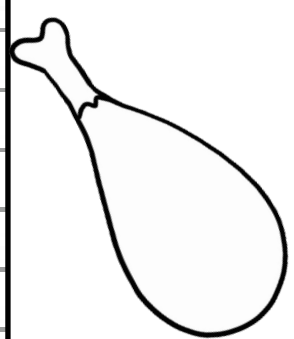
Enthusiasm

Take pride in your accomplishments. No one can take them away from you. You should never hide your talents from the world. You can make the world a better place by sharing your abilities.

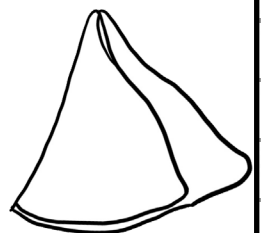
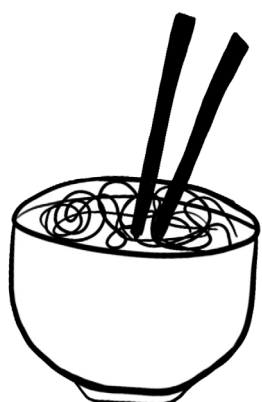




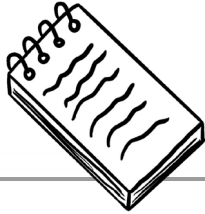
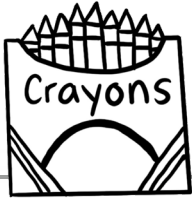
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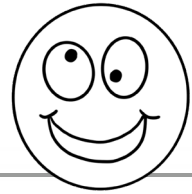
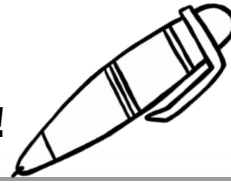
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NOTES & DOODLES!



A large, empty rectangular area with rounded corners, intended for students to write notes or draw doodles. The area is framed by a thick black border.

