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



Tour #3  
Water Ways

## 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 #3, Water Ways, starts at the Queen St. Bridge, crossing the Don River, going all along Queen East, and down to Lake Ontario.

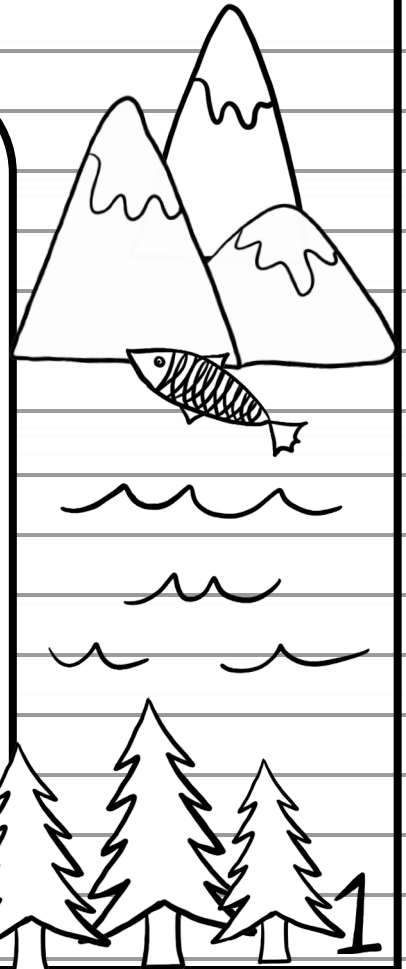
## WATER THEN - THE HISTORY OF WATER:

Let's start way back in time! Thick sheets of glacial ice covered almost all of Canada. **Geologists** call this an Ice Age. Starting about 15,000 years ago, the glaciers started to melt back. Huge amounts of water were released and glacial lakes were formed. These glacial lakes came way before the present day Great Lakes. One glacial lake was called Lake Algonquin. The meltwater created great rivers, deep valleys and very large lakes in areas dammed by remaining unmelted ice sheets.

Like lots of other cities, Toronto is located beside a major body of water, Lake Ontario. Cities are usually started at transportation routes and for many hundreds of years oceans, lakes and rivers have been a means of transport.

Lake Ontario is the first Great Lake from the St. Lawrence River. When Tkaronto was home to Indigenous Peoples it was used as the start of a shortcut from the lower to upper Great Lakes. Streams were clear and cold and full of Brook Trout, Lake Trout, Atlantic Salmon, Muskellunge, Northern Pike, and Walleye.

Did you know Sarah Ashbridge, first settling in the area in 1794 at Queen and Greenwood, used to step out of her estate and into her boat! In the 1850s and for the next 100 years, lake-filling took place to expand the shore land farther and farther south.

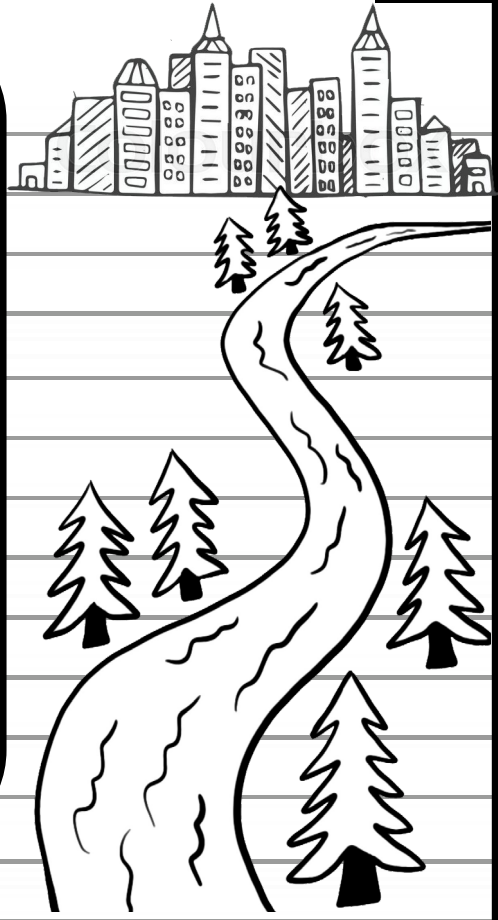




# WATER NOW - THE FUTURE OF WATER:

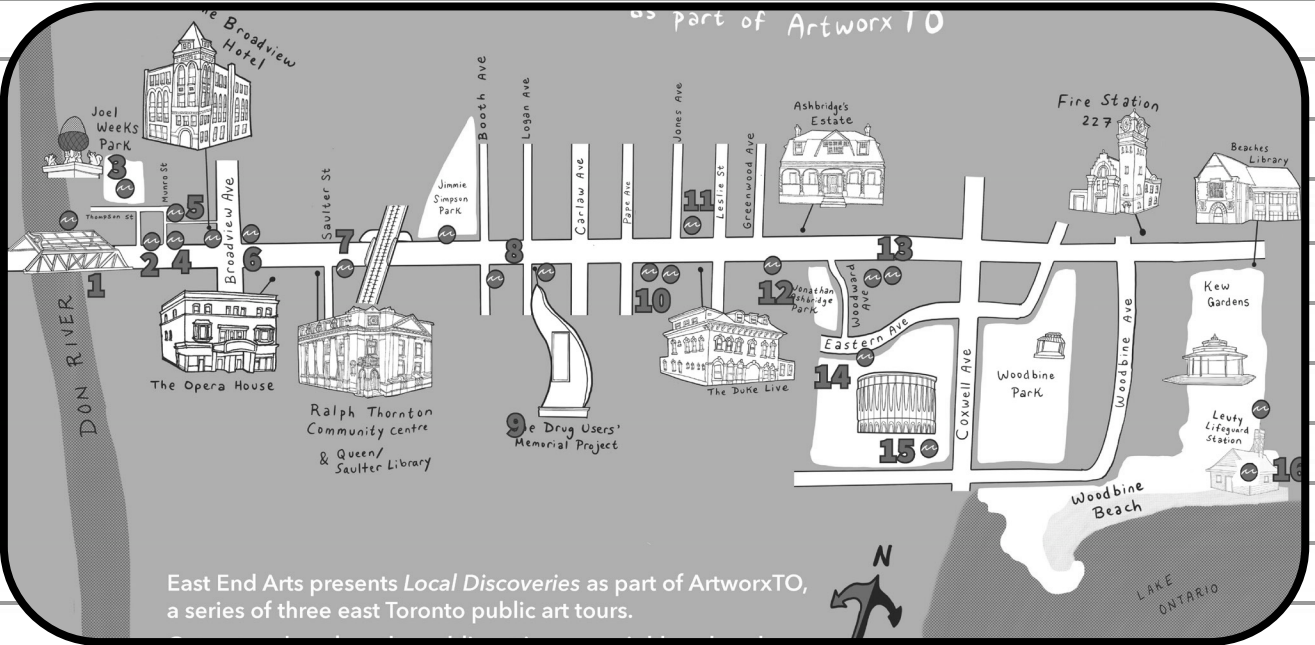
As the city grew, waterways were also turned into underground sewage systems. Some of the art you will see on this walk surround unique pumping station buildings that were used to help move water in our city to the treatment plant and that make its way to our taps. We need ways today to capture, store, and transport water. We need to think about the future too. Projects that will capture stormwater runoff and sewer overflows along the lower Don River and Central Waterfront. Our constantly growing city needs infrastructure (like water supply, sewage plants, housing, roads, cable networks, food supply facilities, schools, hospitals, airports, community meeting places, business and government buildings, bridges, railways) in place to serve the people who all use water every day!

In the 1970's an **Urban Revolution** was changing the world, and cities started to rediscover their waterfronts. Communities started to understand that the city is part of nature and not apart from it. Over the years, many people have had good ideas about what to do with Toronto's waterfront. Some people really want to shine light on lost water, to unearth it. Some changes have taken place but there is still so much more to do!



## LOCAL DISCOVERIES TOUR #3: WATER WAYS

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 #3, Water Ways, explores murals that take on the theme of water and the history of water in Tkaronto's east end. Living close to the lake makes east enders particularly **conscious** of our relationship to water and waterways.



East End Arts presents *Local Discoveries* as part of ArtworxTO, a series of three east Toronto public art tours.

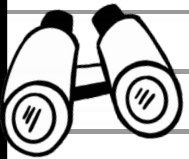
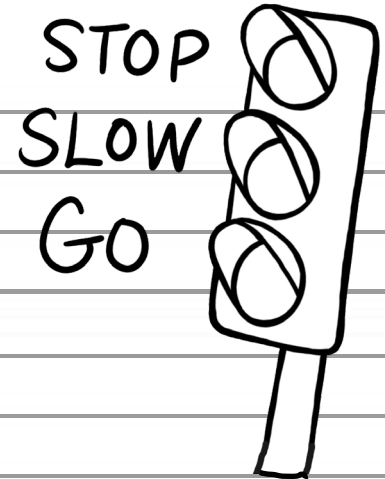




## STREET SAFETY TIPS!

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 3-7 of this workbook as you're exploring Tour #3!

Starting at the Queen St. bridge, we begin this route with words, like a poem. "The River I step in is not the River I stand in". The quote **adorns** the top of this bridge, and the entrance to east Toronto...



**FIND:**  
**Time and a Clock - Part 1,**  
**by Eldon Garnet,**  
**1995**

There are three parts in the collection of work by Eldon Garnet. Can you find all three? Part 1 is a quote and a clock located at the top of the Queen Street Bridge.

**Draw a river under a bridge. Is someone swimming, fishing, boating? Is the river clean or polluted?**

**FIND:**  
**Time and a Clock - Part 2,**  
**by Eldon Garnet,**  
**1995**

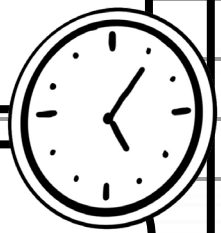
At the **intersection** of Broadview and Queen Street look down and you will notice big letters spelling out four expressions about TIME. You can find one on each corner.

TOO SOON FREE FROM TIME  
TIME IS MONEY: MONEY IS TIME  
BETTER LATE THAN NEVER  
TIME=DISTANCE X VELOCITY

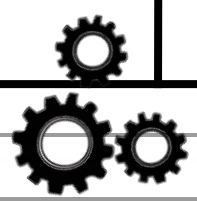
**FIND:**  
**Time and a Clock - Part 3,**  
**by Eldon Garnet,**  
**1995**

Beside the Jimmy Simpson Park are four stainless steel **pennants** set up high on poles. Four **declarations** of time, a lyrical poem, one word per pole.

Find these words: COURSING,  
DISAPPEARING, TREMBLING, RETURNING.



Time



Did you find this public art?

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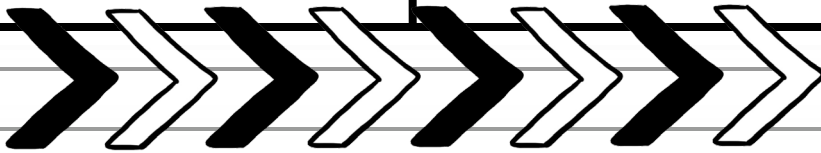


**FACT:** Toronto is a word that comes from the Mohawk word “**Tkaronto**” and it means “the place in the water where the trees are standing”. Using Tkaronto instead of Toronto helps spread awareness of the first people to live here and their struggles, and encourages partnerships between Indigenous people and other communities. Try it!

**FIND:**  
**Tkaronto Past, Tkaronto Future,**  
**by Isaac Odinimaad, Chief Lady**  
**Bird, Dave Monday Oguorie &**  
**Philip Cote,**  
**2017**

The artists of this mural collaborated with Traditional Wisdom Keeper, Philip Cote and youth participants from Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre.

**Where does your name come from? Ask a family member! Do you have a nickname?**



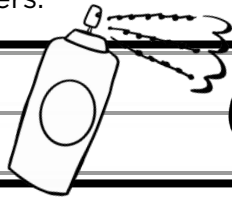
Did you find this public art?

Y  N

**FIND:**  
**Girls Mural Camp 2020 Mural,**  
**by EEA GMC Artists,**  
**2020**

How does the **digital** world connect to nature?  
How do we stay connected to each other? We all know how computers were the way to stay connected to our teachers and school friends during stay at home orders.

**Draw a picture of you and a friend. Are you on a screen or meeting in person?**



**GIRLS RULE**

Did you find this public art?

Y  N

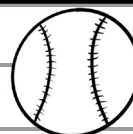
**FIND:**  
**Riverside Sports Heritage &**  
**Legacy Mural,**  
**by Monica Wickeler,**  
**2014-2015**

This mural was painted at the time when the International Multi-Sports event Pan Am Games came to Toronto. The first part memorializes the history of sports in this neighbourhood and the second part looks at modern sports of both the Pan Am & ParaPan Am Games.

**Look at the sports in the mural that took place in the neighbourhood long ago. What sports do you see?**

Baseball  Skating  Cycling  Curling

**Are there more? What's your favourite sport?**



Did you find this public art?

Y  N

**FIND:  
Alquimia,  
by Jacquie Comrie,  
2019**

'Alquimia' (Spanish for 'alchemy') is a mural in a semi-abstract style. The mural is an interpretation of the quote "This river I step in is not the river I stand in". "Everything moves. Everything transforms into something else. It is a connection to the past while celebrating its future, progress and growth of the community," said artist Jacquie Comrie.

Let's be inspired by abstract art! Fill this space with changing shapes and colours that express how we feel.

TIK... TOK...

Did you find this public art?

Y  N

**FIND:  
Riverside Pollinator  
Mural,  
by Nick Sweetman,  
2016**

Nick Sweetman's work all across the city explores the role of nature, and especially the pollinators that we share our landscape with.

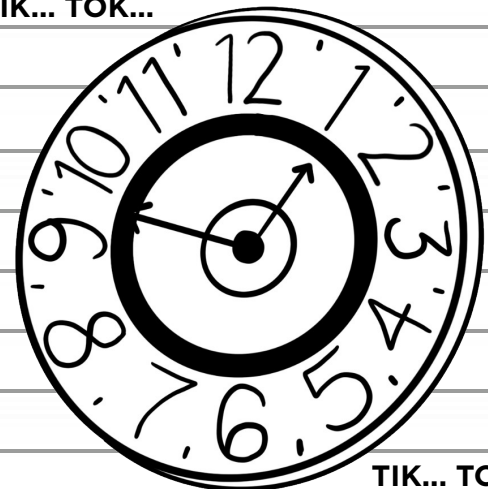
Can you spot the clock in this mural?

YES NO

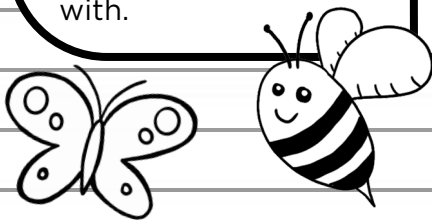
Do you have an analog clock in your home?

YES NO

TIK... TOK...



TIK... TOK...



Did you find this public art?

Y  N

**FIND:  
Seven Grandfathers,  
by Philip Cote,  
2021**

Philip Cote has been painting his vision of traditional Anishinaabe storytelling as large scale murals for more than 20 years throughout Toronto! There are even streetcars with his work wrapped around them.

**LEARN THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS**

They are a set of guiding principles and traditional tools passed down from generation to generation to guide the Anishinaabe in living a good life in peace and without conflict.

- Respect - Mnaadendimowin
- Love - Zaagidwin
- Truth - Debwewin
- Bravery - Aakwa'ode'ewin
- Wisdom - Nbwaakaawin
- Humility - Dibaadendiziwin
- Honesty - Gwekwaadziwin



**Book recommendation:** Read "Sometimes I feel like a Fox" by Danielle Daniel . This book explores the importance of totem animals in Anishinaabe culture and how they help kids to understand themselves.

Did you find this public art?

Y  N

**FIND:  
The Drug Users' Memorial Project,  
by Rocky Dobey,  
2012**

The Drug Users' Memorial Project stands as a remembrance and healing sculpture shaped like a flame to commemorate community members and loved ones who have died because of drug use. Flames and candles are often used to remember people who we have lost.



Did you find this public art?

Y  N

**FIND:  
Wallnoize,  
coordinated by Cruz1, featuring  
various artists,  
2020**

In the summer of 2020 nearly 100 artists contributed to this spectacular installation of murals on boards surrounding new water infrastructure! They all celebrate water and the life it gives to our community. You'll spot fish, crocs, swirls and waves, sea creatures and way more.

**What can YOU do to conserve H2O (that's water!)?  
Add a few more ideas of your own to this list**

- Turn off the Tap!
- Short Power Shower!
- Drink water instead of juice!

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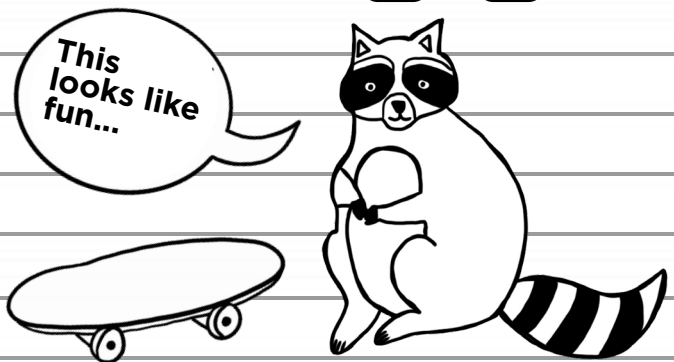
**Fun fact:** It takes a lot of water to make juice. Did you now that it takes 200 liters of water to make one glass of orange juice?

Did you find this public art?

Y  N

**EXPLORE:  
Beach Skateboard Park,  
by Various artists,  
2019**

The connection between graffiti, street art, and skateboarding goes back decades, and so when the city of Toronto installed a skatepark in Ashbridges Bay park, it only made sense to have some of the city's best street artists give it some colour!

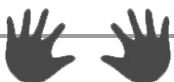


**Racoons love city life! We have over 10,000 racoons in Toronto, more than practically any city in the world! Find the art in the Skateboard park that shows racoons on...skateboards?**



Did you find this public art?

Y  N



**FUN FACT:**

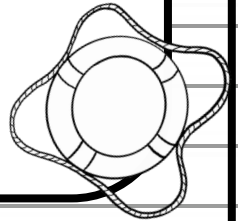
Their name comes from the Indigenous Algonquian language word arakun, which means "he scratches with his hands". Racoons are known for their amazing ability to use their paws as hands. They even look like they wash their hands in water before eating.



**FIND:**  
**Leuty Boat House,**  
**by Jacque Comrie and Chief Lady**  
**Bird,**  
**2021**

The last FIND is right next to the water on the Beach! This mural is full of colour and happiness! In the 1940s the boathouse was originally much closer to the lake and it was often used by the community as a dance hall. Colour makes us feel great and dancing makes us feel amazing! Pick up your heels and let yourself have fun in the boathouse! Foxtrot anyone?

Have you seen any other art along the way to this stop? There is lots of rocks, sand and water....draw a beach scene. Everything is art!



**Fun Fact:** The Boardwalk first appeared in the 1850s. Early settlers in the Ashbridge's Bay area built plank walkways between the cabins when mud and water made it hard for walking. The Boathouse was built in 1932.

Did you find this public art?

Y  N



**Do you know what the expression "It's water under the bridge" means? If you say that an experience is "water under the bridge", you mean that it has happened and can't be changed.**



**Bonus: What kind of bridge is the Queen Street Bridge? (It's also called the Queen Street Viaduct, and was built in 1911). Check Local Discoveries Route #1 Booklet for a list of different bridges! Answer on pg. 7**



## THE ART OF BEING



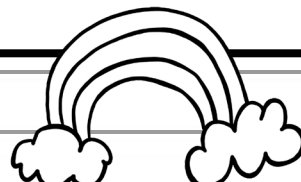
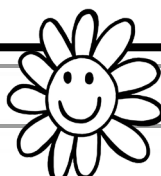
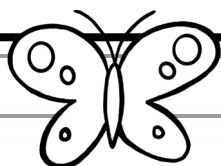
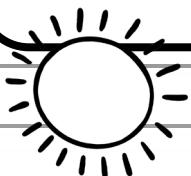
**The world will be in your hands one day. Look for two hopes in each volume of Artskool! Let's find some...**

### Dedication

Don't expect yourself to be perfect. Remember that practice makes better. When you're faced with a difficult task, stick with it. The satisfaction of mastery is a reward in itself.

### Gratitude

Be thankful for what you have. Take the time to acknowledge the acts of service, both great and small, that others do for you. Give to others, and express your thanks when others give to you.



# HOMework



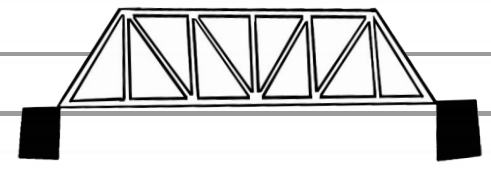
## More to Read at the Toronto Public Library!

1. The Water Walker, by Joanne Robertson
2. Water, by Frank Asch
3. Water's children : celebrating the resource that unites us all, by Angèle Delaunois
4. City of Water, by Andrea Curtis
5. The Water Princess, by Susan Verde
6. Answering the calls : a child's view of the 94 calls to action, by Rhona Churman & more

## ANSWER KEY:

**Question on page 6:**  
What kind of bridge is The Queen Street Bridge?

**Answer:** It's a Truss Bridge



## WORDS, WORDS, WORDS!

## FUN, FUN, FACTS, FACTS!

**Geologist:** a scientist who studies the surface of the Earth and what it is made of

**Urban Revolution:** a time of growth when cities are built

**Adorn:** to add beauty and decorate

**Conscious:** fully aware of something

**Intersection:** the place where two streets cross and meet each other

**Pennant:** a narrow pointed flag

**Declaration:** an important statement or an announcement

**Digital:** computerized

**Alchemy:** an ancient science that was thought to turn common objects into precious objects or transforms things for the better

**Analog clock:** shows time with two moving hands which move in a circle around the clock face

**Commemorate:** to remember something by honoring it

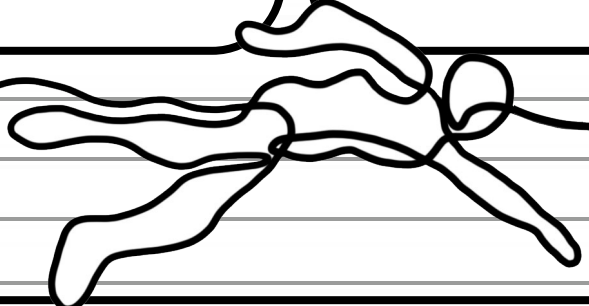
1. The Waterworks, or the RC Harris Treatment Plant, was built on the site of Victoria Park, a waterfront amusement park that operated from 1878 until 1906 and had a steam-powered carousel!

2. The Water Cycle is also called the Hydrologic Cycle. That word comes from two Greek words meaning water and reason!

3. There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your faucet could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank!

4. In September 1954, 16-year-old Toronto's Marilyn Bell became the first person to swim across Lake Ontario. She swam the 64 kilometres, 70,000 strokes from Youngtown, New York to Toronto in 20 hours and 59 minutes.

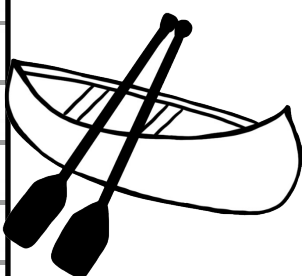
"Life is a dictionary," - Ralph Waldo Emerson



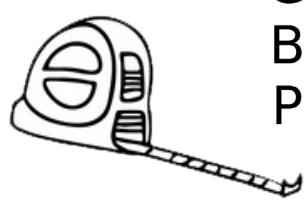
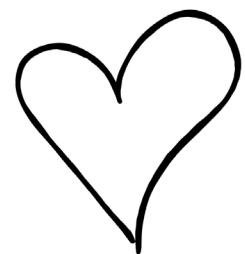




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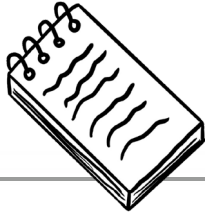
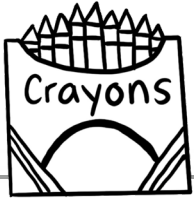


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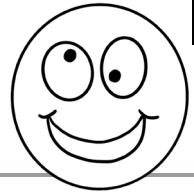
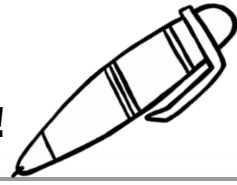


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| Birch Bark Canoe | Pumping Station | Reconciliation | Traditional |
| Technology       | Longboard       | Renewing       | Precious    |
| Existence        | Tick tock       | Measure        | Zoom        |
| Flooding         | Trickle         | Rebuild        | Ally        |

Look for a deep dive into the history of women in art and more water themes in our next edition of ArtSkool, "Women Paint Riverside". Also check out ArtSkool packages for Local Discoveries Route #1, Danforth Love, and Local Discoveries Route #2, Around the World, if you haven't already!



**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.

