

ART AS STORYTELLING

The Teri Project





"Stories are not just
words. They are
uncovered in
relationships"

THE TERI PROJECT USES RELATIONAL
ENGAGEMENT, ART, AND CREATIVE
ACTIVITY TO UNCOVER AND REPRESENT THE
STORIES AND LIVED EXPERIENCES OF
SENIOR CITIZENS.



Storytelling is a powerful reminder of the human experience.

The pandemic has created a divide in our communities where elders are overlooked, but opening a platform to tell their stories will remind us of the many interesting, valuable people living among us, and that dignity and respect in aging should be maintained.

Students are asked to create artistic representations of the stories uncovered in your time with your residents. This can be stories that they share with you, advice, common conversations, or the story of them as individuals.

Your relationships are the foundation for real, authentic storytelling to take place. These stories will portray the humanity in aging that can inspire compassion and connection to the aging population.

Some examples can be:

- **painting**
- **drawing**
- **cartoon**
- **digital illustration**
- **sculpture**
- **knitting/crocheting**
- **embroidery**
- **video**
- **song**
- **poem**
- **podcast**
- **photography**
- **collage**
- **writing their story in prose**

And anything else you can come up with

Remember the key points

- In the context of your relationship you can uncover the story, and work to represent that story through art and design
- This is for them and about them. To represent their essence and their story
- Disseminate and tell stories with the intention to break down the anonymity in aging and rehumanize society's understanding of seniors among us
- To make something that can be shared and displayed
- Keep the experience of the residents at the centre of your art projects



Examples

