

CLASS PLANS FOR SOUND PROJECTS

What does your community sound like?

LEARN TO RECORD AND MAKE SOUND ART PROJECTS

Aim: Make a sound art media project

Methods: Search for sounds of the town and the people.

Learn how to use the a portable audio recorder and microphones (or use an iPod or phone) to catch individual sounds you can use to make media projects.

Learn best practices for recording.

Take a recorder out and collect sounds around the school.

Go for a “soundwalk” to listen to your community

TYPES OF SOUNDS TO COLLECT

Inside and Outside sounds, Moving and still sounds, Distant and close sounds
Sounds you make with your own body, Environmental sounds, Human sounds,
Wet and Dry sounds, Soundmark (distinctive sound of the place), 2 minutes of a sound environment
Guitar samples, singing samples, voice samples, karaoke samples, rap samples?

Interview an Elder about stories about sound in the community

MAKE MEDIA PROJECTS WITH YOUR SOUND

Learn how to get the sounds off the recorder and into your computer

Learn how to put them together in layers and add effects and use Audacity free audio software. This can be downloaded online and works on any type of computer.

Learn about gathering video and images to go with your audio project. Make audiovisual moving media projects.

Make finished a sound art media project that will be put on a special page on the school website

SAVE YOUR PROJECT

Keep learning to record, edit and be creative with sounds you record, add effects, learn how to save as MP3 and finish your project on Audacity

Try out other types of microphones, record your heartbeat or some whispers from far away

SOUND STORIES

Take some photos or video of objects with an iPod Touch or the camera, and work with Nick to add a sound to tell a story

Work with a partner to tell a story about something in North Spirit Lake and record the story onto the recorder

Hear and record a story from an Elder about sound in the community

Choose a sound you hate in the community and write it on the poster with your name

Choose a sound you love in the community and write it on the poster with your name

LINKS

Free sound software called Audacity

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

Great video about sound art by Ace Norton

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7mswzLinJs>

Great videos about soundscapes

<http://soundexplorations.blogspot.ca/>