



Short Activity
Ages 9–12
10–30 minutes

Witness Blanket: Reflection Wall

Description

After viewing the [Witness Blanket](#) online, participants can share their thoughts, feelings, and experiences by decorating a paper tile to add to a Reflection Wall

Number of Participants

For any number of participants

Space Considerations

An indoor space where participants can be seated to design their shapes

Competencies

- Artistic expression
- Emotional expression

Materials

- Printouts of the Reflection Wall Shapes on various coloured paper
- Access to computers or tablets to view the [Witness Blanket](#) online
- Tape
- A wall, display board, or window (for displaying the completed tiles)

Preparation

- Staff should familiarize themselves with the Witness Blanket website in order to help participants navigate the site
- Print and cut out copies of the Reflection Wall Shapes

Implementation

This activity comes directly from the [Witness Blanket teacher's guide](#).

1. Using a computer or tablet, give participants the opportunity to explore the [Witness Blanket](#) online. Alternatively, staff can use a computer and projector to explore various elements of the Witness Blanket as participants watch and listen
2. Kids select a Reflection Wall paper tile
3. Kids share their thoughts, feelings, and emotions by decorating a paper tile with artwork, poetry, writing, and doodles
4. Once complete, participants add tape to the back of their tiles and add to the wall, display board, or window. Staff can assist with this step as needed, in order to help shape the geometric pattern
5. The shapes create a dramatic, geometric pattern and become a unique "Witness Blanket" of reflections

Accessibility Considerations

- Participants are encouraged to decorate their tiles in a way that is both meaningful and suitable for them
- Give participants the option to dictate their thoughts for another participant to decorate
- While viewing the Witness Blanket online, offer participants an accessible computer space with a mouse and a larger screen. If using a tablet, instruct participants on adjusting the zoom of the screen
- The stories in the Witness Blanket address themes of racism and cruelty. A "safe space" is available from the menu items on the website for participants who need to take a break or leave the website
- Offer kids a variety of instruments to colour their image, and encourage them to choose what they feel most comfortable with
- Assist participants with affixing their tiles as needed
- Offer pre-cut Reflection Wall templates
- Offer tactile elements for kids to decorate their crafts

Book Suggestions

Little Wolf by Teoni Spathelfer and Natassia Davies

Nuttah & Kitchi: National Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration! by Sandra Samatte and Julian Grafenauer

Sky Wolf's Call: The Gift of Indigenous Knowledge by Eldon Yellowhorn and Kathy Lowinger

Storyteller Skye: Teachings from My Ojibway Grandfather by Lindsay Christina King and Carolyn Frank

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