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Sidewalk Sam

Robert Charles Guilleman
Boston

☀ Values

- Generous Spirit
- Using his artistic gifts to bring people together
- Persistence
- Social Emotional Learning

☀ Reflection Questions

What other famous artists have used their talents to help others?

Can you think of a way to make the world a better place using art?

If you were confined to a wheelchair, how would you spend your time? Would you find a way to keep giving your gifts?

☀ Lessons Learned

Artists can create anywhere: even sidewalks and busy highways can be made beautiful.

Community art projects can help break down social barriers between people of all ages.

By giving your gifts in public places, you can inspire others to give, too.

You can even get the city to cooperate and change the rules/laws for a worthwhile cause.

Everyone has something to offer others: a skill, a talent or a service.

As a young man, Robert Guilleman was a well-known artist; his work was shown in galleries and museums around the world. But he wanted more. "I wanted to get people involved in art," he decided. Now called Sidewalk Sam, he uses his artistic talents to create sidewalk masterpieces that bring people from all walks of life together --and even transformed Boston's busiest highway into a field of flowers. Recently confined to a wheelchair he continues his community art saying, "I have to fulfill my humanity ... to make my life worthwhile ... to serve my fellow man."

☀ Arts

Create colorful greeting cards and send to nursing homes and church outreach programs. Design a mural with an environmental or cultural theme in your classroom or school. Invite local artists to share their work and demonstrate various techniques to the students. Have students design illustrations for a school newspaper to add to a short story they write.

☀ Language Arts: SEL & Diversity

Write a 50-100 word essay describing how art contributes to our everyday lives. Write a report comparing support for the arts in America vs. other countries.

☀ Career Development

Study careers in the arts: graphic designers, draftsmen, illustrators, cartoonists, architects. Investigate possible scholarship sources (or apprenticeships) for artistic students.

☀ Community Service : Service Learning

Work with local police to paint over graffiti by creating a mural on a building. Organize an exhibition of students' artwork in your school or community. Solicit donated art from local professionals for an auction to benefit local art projects.



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