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Project Title: Tactile Maps

Abstract:

The visual senses are prioritized in our everyday lives. We stare at our computers, our phones and our televisions. This project is an opportunity for students to learn about their environments through touch. Students will learn about the history of mapmaking and I will introduce them to artists who explore their surroundings through touch. Then, students will create tactile maps, rubbing the objects/surfaces around them.

Target Audience: K – 2nd grade; 3rd-6th grade; Middle School, High School, Family Learning

Learning Objectives/Outcomes:

Knowledge: Learn about artists whose work deals with touch and mapping their environment.

Execution: Create drawings which map the objects and surfaces around them through touch.

Reflection: Write about their experience learning about maps and making their own tactile maps.

Brief Biography:

Olivia Leiter is an artist, writer and educator living in Los Angeles. She is currently pursuing her MFA at UC Riverside.

Elements of the Digital DIY Curriculum

- A_Tactile_Maps_Syllabus.pdf
- A_Tactile_Maps_Presentation.pdf
- A_Tactile_Maps_Presentation.mp4

By using this Digital DIY Curriculum students will think about new ways to navigate their surroundings through touch.