<p style="text-align:center; color:magenta; font-weight:bold">Environmental Justice: Rooting for Change</p>
<p style="text-align:center; color:magenta">Start of the Environmental Justice movement</p>

Objectives

SWBAT describe the events surrounding the Warren County protests

SWBAT create prints in response to ideas of Environmental Justice or to honor the start of the movement in Warren County

Background information

A collagraph print is made by gluing different materials to a flat surface (like cardboard) to create a collage. Painting over the entire surface will allow you to press a piece of paper over the whole thing to pull a print. The print will only show the raised parts of the collaged pieces.

Student facing presentation materials

Slides

Materials

2 foam sheets per student

Scissors

Pen or pencil

1 piece of cardboard per student (ideally something recycled like a cereal box). Should be slightly smaller than the piece of paper you print on

4-5 pieces of colorful cardstock paper per student

1 foam brush per student

Paper plates for paint

Acrylic craft paint

Glue (Pairs of students can share a bottle)

Paper bags to hold materials

Materials tips

Have students put all cut foam pieces into a small bag with their name on it after day 1

On painting day, have plates ready with three spots of paint

If students are printing 3-4 each, they can lay them on the floor until the end of class and then collect all

DAY 1: All intro materials, printmaking video, starting to draw shapes/letters
DAY 2: Continue drawing and cutting shapes/letters (put pieces in paper bag at the end of the day)
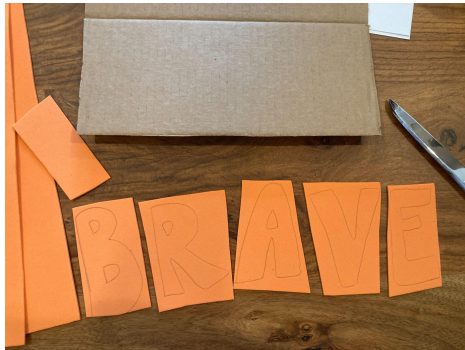**DAY 3:** Finish cutting and begin gluing to background
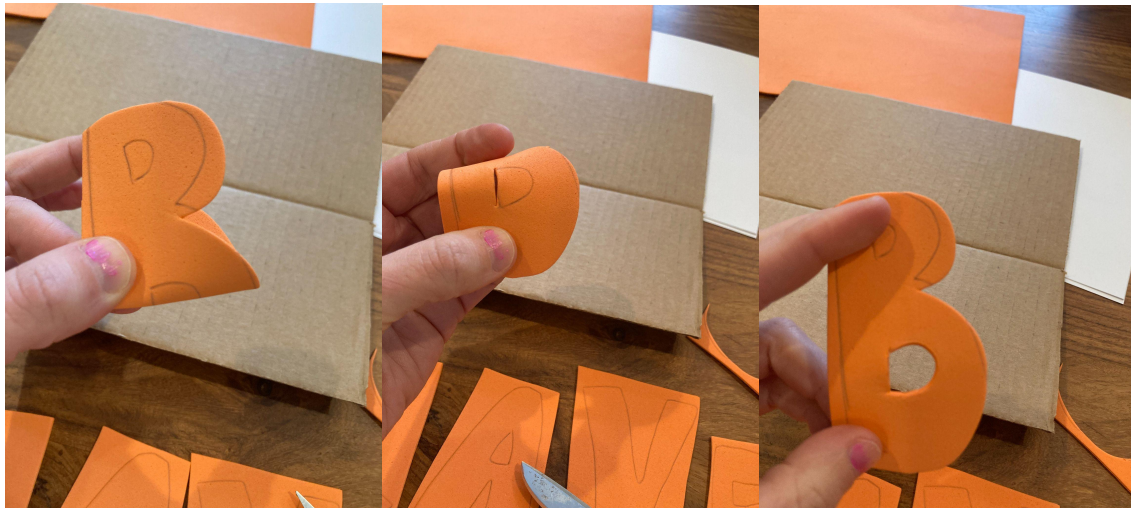**DAY 4:** Printing (students can print 2-4)

Step-by-step instructions
Feel free to demonstrate for students OR have them watch the video I made.

1. Draw bubble letters first. Then cut out.

If you have shapes inside the letters, fold the foam and make a little snip inside the space to be cut.

2. After letters are cut out, flip them over and reverse the word.

3. Add shapes! Arrange them all *then* glue down with Tacky Glue. Make sure to leave space in between your shapes.

DAY 2: Pulling prints

1. Paint on top of the foam. No need to worry if you paint the background piece of cardboard too. Just make sure you don't have tons of paint globbed in places or it will smudge in final prints.

2. Hover paper over top and then carefully place and press down with two hands. With one hand holding the paper down, use your fingertips on the other to rub the entire paper for about 30 seconds.

3. Gently pull paper off and voila! A print!

You can be neat and paint each shape on its own OR messier, painting across all the letters and shapes with bigger brush strokes. Students can pull 2-4 prints. A clothesline with clips or paper clips are a good way to allow these to dry, if a drying rack is unavailable.