

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT LESSON PLAN

## I. Lesson Number, Grade Levels, Title, and Duration:

Lesson Number 6, Grades 11-12, Public Service Announcement, 3-4 days

## II. Lesson Rationale:

Based on work included as part of the *Trans/gendering the Academy: Building LGBTQ Coalitions for Change Summit*, this culminating lesson utilizes concepts, techniques, and technologies from previous lessons in the unit in addressing essential questions related to LGBQ and transgender issues. The final project for this unit of study is an artwork designed for public display and engagement to promote dialogs of change that strive to create inclusive environments for LGBTQ people.

Public service announcements (PSAs) have the potential to create awareness of significant social issues in an effort to educate and change the public's attitudes and behaviors and to stimulate positive social change. Using one of the online poster-making software applications from Lesson 6, students will create public service announcement posters addressing an essential question raised in Lesson 1 on LGBQ and transgender issues.

### Potential Essential Questions Resulting from Brainstorming Session:

- How do LGTBQ Right(s) happen and /or are enacted?
- Could LGBTQ be a choice/Lifestyle? What does it mean to say this?
- How is LGBTQ representation created and maintained (e.g., through visual culture)?
- What does it mean to be an Ally? What does it mean to form Alliances?
- How are judgments made?
- How do we create inclusive/ethical policy in education in order to enact protective measures for LGBTQ youth in schools (Denton Schools)?
- How is anti- violence education be implemented in schools?
- What impact does anti-violence education, e.g., anti-bullying policy have on LGBTQ students?

## III. Key Concepts:

Public service announcement (PSA), persuasion, infographics, data visualization, satire, shock value, imperatives, call to action

## IV. Essential Question:

- What makes a PSA compelling?
- How is persuasion used in PSAs?
- How can the public be urged to enact positive change about LGBQ and transgender-related social issues?

## V. Lesson Objectives:

The students will be able to:

Explain the purpose and characteristics of public service announcements after viewing online resources and videos (See *Resources & Materials for Teacher* below, and embedded videos on unit website, under heading "Public Service Announcement").

Analyze data from research materials about LGBQ and transgender issues and convert that data into a visual form by creating a public service announcement poster.

Apply the characteristics of instruction, humor, or shock and clear calls to action to create an original public service announcement poster for the purpose of promoting a positive social change of an LGBQ and/or transgender issue through the use of online poster-making software.

## **VI. Specific Art Content:**

Poster-making, composition, color, typography, data visualization, visual culture

## **VII. Resources & Materials for Teacher:**

Computer, Internet access, classroom screen, speakers, <http://analogdigitalart.weebly.com/lesson-6-public-service-announcement.html>

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## **VIII. Resources & Materials for Students:**

Computer and Internet access

Large format printing access

Canva free poster-making software <https://www.canva.com/>

Piktochart free infographic creator <https://piktochart.com/>

Pulp-O-Mizer free retro vintage book/magazine cover maker [http://thrilling-  
tales.webomator.com/derange-o-lab/pulp-o-mizer/pulp-o-mizer.html](http://thrilling-<br/>tales.webomator.com/derange-o-lab/pulp-o-mizer/pulp-o-mizer.html)

## **IX. Instruction and Its Sequencing:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Lesson**

#### **Introduction/Motivation:**

What are public service announcements (PSAs)?

A public service announcement is a message that is shared with the general public to persuade action be taken on an issue, appealing to a specific emotion. Public service announcements usually include a visual and/or audio element. PSAs take different forms, including video, audio, and print.

On the board, write and discuss the following common characteristics of PSAs used to persuade audiences, including

- Instruction (using information to enlighten about lesser-known issues/topics)
- Humor
- Shock
- Imperative commands/Clear calls to action

**Guided Practice**

The teacher will show students video and print examples of PSAs (See References & Resources Materials below and on unit website under heading Lesson 6, “PSA Examples”).

Ask students to identify the calls to action and the PSA characteristics from the list on the board that were employed in each example shown.

**Independent Practice**

Students will be directed to the unit website to conduct independent research through the materials available on the Lesson 6/Research Resources page. They will take notes of key information to serve as a basis for a public service announcement poster.

**Formative Evaluation**

The teacher will monitor the development and implementation of the assignment and provide information about how best to revise and modify for improvement.

**Classroom Management Procedures**

Establish clear classroom routines and procedures

**Closure**

The teacher will remind students that they will incorporate information from the research materials into a PSA poster that will be 24x36 inches. S/he should inform students they may use any of the three software programs learned in Lesson 5 and may use images appropriated under Creative Commons licensing as learned in Lesson 4.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day of the Lesson****Introduction/Motivation:**

The teacher will review PSA characteristics, including information, humor, shock, imperatives, and calls to action. S/he may want to show any of the unit website examples not viewed the previous day to reinforce the importance of these PSA characteristics as well as compositional qualities of the print examples.

**Guided Practice n/a****Independent Practice**

Students will design and create a 24x36 inch public service announcement poster of print quality by using one of the three free online software programs—Piktochart, Canva, or Pulp-O-Mizer.

**Formative Evaluation**

The teacher will monitor the development and implementation of the assignment and provide information about how best to revise and modify for improvement.

S/he will discuss with students, one-on-one, instructional steps during the learning process and re-teach when necessary.

**Classroom Management Procedures**

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**Closure**

The teacher will discuss with students text legibility and viewer distance. (Refer to References and Resources or the APCO website <https://www.apcosigns.com/techpdf/distance.pdf>)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Day of the Lesson**

**Introduction/Motivation:** n/a

**Guided Practice:** n/a

#### **Independent Practice**

Students will continue work on the public service announcement posters.

#### **Formative Evaluation**

The teacher will monitor the development and implementation of the assignment and provide information about how best to revise and modify for improvement.

S/he will discuss with students, one-on-one, instructional steps during the learning process and re-teach when necessary.

#### **Classroom Management Procedures**

Establish clear classroom routines and procedures

#### **Closure**

The teacher will review the different art “critique” models used for Lesson 3 with students.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Day of the Lesson**

**Introduction/Motivation:**

The teacher will have the students display their posters on the walls for “critique.”

**Guided Practice:** n/a

#### **Independent Practice**

Given the opportunity to work in groups of 3’s, students will create their own critique model (informed by Elkin’s research), conduct a “critique” of their work, and report observations back to the class and instructor. The teacher will facilitate and monitor the discussion.

**Formative Evaluation:** n/a

#### **Classroom Management Procedures**

Establish clear classroom routines and procedures

#### **Closure**

##### **Individual Reflective Writing**

Each student will respond to the following prompts/questions in writing:

1. How might have the public service announcement making process expanded/enhanced/clarified (or otherwise) your understanding of the LGBQ or transgender issue you investigated?
2. How were you personally invested in this project?
3. In what context(s) do you think the class’ public service announcements would be most effective in promoting a positive social change for the LGBTQ communities?
4. How might the public service announcement you created translate to the digital world (Internet)?

### **X. Summative Assessment and Evaluation:**

The teacher will monitor the development and implementation of the assignment using the following rubric:

	Exemplary	Satisfactory	Emerging
Essential question of an LGBTQ issue	Student created an original, accurate, and interesting PSA that adequately addresses the essential question with respect and inclusiveness. There is a clear call to action.	Student created an accurate PSA that adequately addresses the essential question with respect and inclusiveness. There is a clear call to action.	Student created an accurate PSA but the essential question was addressed in a cursory manner and the content regarded with respect and inclusiveness though some misunderstanding might be present. A call to action is unclear or missing.
Composition	The poster is well composed with regard to formal qualities. It is neat, organized, and logically structured.	The poster is well composed with regard to formal qualities. It is mostly neat, organized, and logically structured.	The use of formal qualities and design structure need improvement.
Content/information organization	Content is organized logically, legible, and free of grammatical/spelling errors	Content is organized logically, mostly legible, or contains few grammatical/spelling errors	Content organization needs improvement, is somewhat legible, or contains several grammatical/spelling errors
Sources	Literature/sources cited are indicated on the poster and correctly formatted.	Literature/sources cited are indicated on the poster and few errors in format.	Literature/sources cited are indicated on the poster but are incomplete or have multiple errors in format.

Comments:

## XII. References & Resources:

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**XIII. Art TEKS** covered in this lesson, indicated in \* bold

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter117/ch117c.html>

§117.304. Art, Level III

§117.305. Art, Level IV

(c) Knowledge and skills covered in this lesson, indicated in \* bold

\* **(1) Foundations: observation and perception.** The student develops and expands visual literacy skills using critical thinking, imagination, and the senses to observe and explore the world by learning about, understanding, and applying the elements of art, principles of design, and expressive qualities. The student uses what the student sees, knows, and has experienced as sources for examining, understanding, and creating original artwork.

\* **(2) Creative expression.** The student communicates ideas through original artwork using a variety of media with appropriate skills. The student expresses thoughts and ideas creatively while challenging the imagination, fostering reflective thinking, and developing disciplined effort and progressive problem-solving skills.

\* **(3) Historical and cultural relevance.** The student demonstrates an understanding of art history and culture by analyzing artistic styles, historical periods, and a variety of cultures. The student develops global awareness and respect for the traditions and contributions of diverse cultures.

\* **(4) Critical evaluation and response.** The student responds to and analyzes the artworks of self and others, contributing to the development of the lifelong skills of making informed judgments and reasoned evaluations.

#### **XIV. National Art Standards**

Anchor Standard 1: Generate and conceptualize artistic ideas and work.

Anchor Standard 2: Organize and develop artistic ideas and work.

Anchor Standard 3: Refine and complete artistic work.

Anchor Standard 9: Apply criteria to evaluate artistic work.

Anchor Standard 10: Synthesize and relate knowledge and personal experiences to make art.

Anchor Standard 11: Relate artistic ideas and works with societal, cultural, and historical context to deepen understanding.

**\*see PDF at**

<http://www.nationalartsstandards.org/sites/default/files/Visual%20Arts%20at%20a%20Glance%20-%20new%20copyright%20info.pdf>



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