

## Activity 5: My Vancouver Mural

(Adapted from Vancouver Plan)

### OBJECTIVES

#### Participants will:

- Take a virtual tour of murals in Vancouver
- Identify various aspects of murals and what stories they tell about our city
- Draw a mini mural and explain where it would go and what story it would tell

### AUDIENCE

- Age: Kids, young adult learners (including High School students) or adult learners
- Political knowledge: No prior knowledge necessary
- Language: Basic English
- Group Size: Individuals or Groups

### MATERIALS

- Internet Access
- Paper and Pens

### INSTRUCTIONS

Murals have been used to tell the stories of cities for hundreds of years. These pieces of public art have told of stories of social movements, cultures, and important city symbols in places like Mexico City, Los Angeles, and New York. Here in Vancouver, the Vancouver Mural Festival supports the creation of new murals, including recent murals on shops that have been temporarily closed due to COVID-19.



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### ➔ Step 1: Take A Virtual Tour

Go to <https://www.vanmurfest.ca/> and take a virtual tour of Vancouver's murals. Take note of the stories, symbols, styles, and colours, as well as the types of buildings where they are found.

### ➔ Step 2: Reflect!

Reflect on which murals that you think are the most powerful and unique, and why.

### ➔ Step 3: Create Your Own Mini Mural

Using paper and pens, create your own mini mural. Think about what story you want to tell, what symbols or images best represent your idea, and what building or part of the city you would put it. Once you're done, show your mini mural to the world: on your front window, or maybe a door or an apartment.

