

Solidarity Drawing

Art Assignment – Secondary

PART I: The Amazon Rainforest

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE–Caritas Canada is the official Humanitarian Aid and International Development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. It works through partnerships all over the world to promote social and ecological justice for all, especially the poorest and most marginalized people in the Global South. It also helps Canadians here at home to understand our place in building a world of justice.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is currently running a campaign called ‘For Our Common Home’ to help us to understand the crucial importance of the Amazon Rainforest for the survival of all humanity, and to tell the inspirational stories of the people who are bravely protecting it. By learning about this campaign, you are also contributing to protecting this precious piece of Creation.

WATCH the following videos about two communities in the Amazon – the Mura and Seringueiros – who are fighting to protect the areas of the Amazon Rainforest where they live:

The Mura people:

- youtu.be/8h-5gnmAutE
- youtu.be/xjNLtcLrQHE

The *seringueiros*:

- youtu.be/j398-OfiPW8
- youtu.be/uqtclKQQD5Q

PART II: Art Challenge

Choose a period of seven days where you can commit to drawing for 30-60 minutes a day.

On each day of the challenge, draw based on the following prompts based on your knowledge and understanding of the situations of the Mura and Seringueiros:

- Day 1: Life
- Day 2: Steward
- Day 3: Threat
- Day 4: Flora
- Day 5: Wealth
- Day 6: Canada
- Day 7: Solidarity

You can incorporate all prompts into a single piece of art, or create seven separate pieces that stand alone.

Need inspiration? Watch any or all the four videos again each day before you start drawing!

Or if you're feeling adventurous, why not switch up your medium? For instance, you could make a painting instead of a drawing; use oil pastels; or use collage, incorporating newspaper or magazine clippings into your daily work of art.

Optional

- Post photos of your drawings each day on social media using the hashtag #ForOurCommonHome, and tag Development & Peace @DevPeace on Facebook or Twitter
- Email photos of your drawing(s) to your teacher to be graded and to schools@devp.org