

# ARBETSBLAD

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## POPREEEL 3: What is art?

*What is art? We try to find the answer to that question in different parts of the world.*

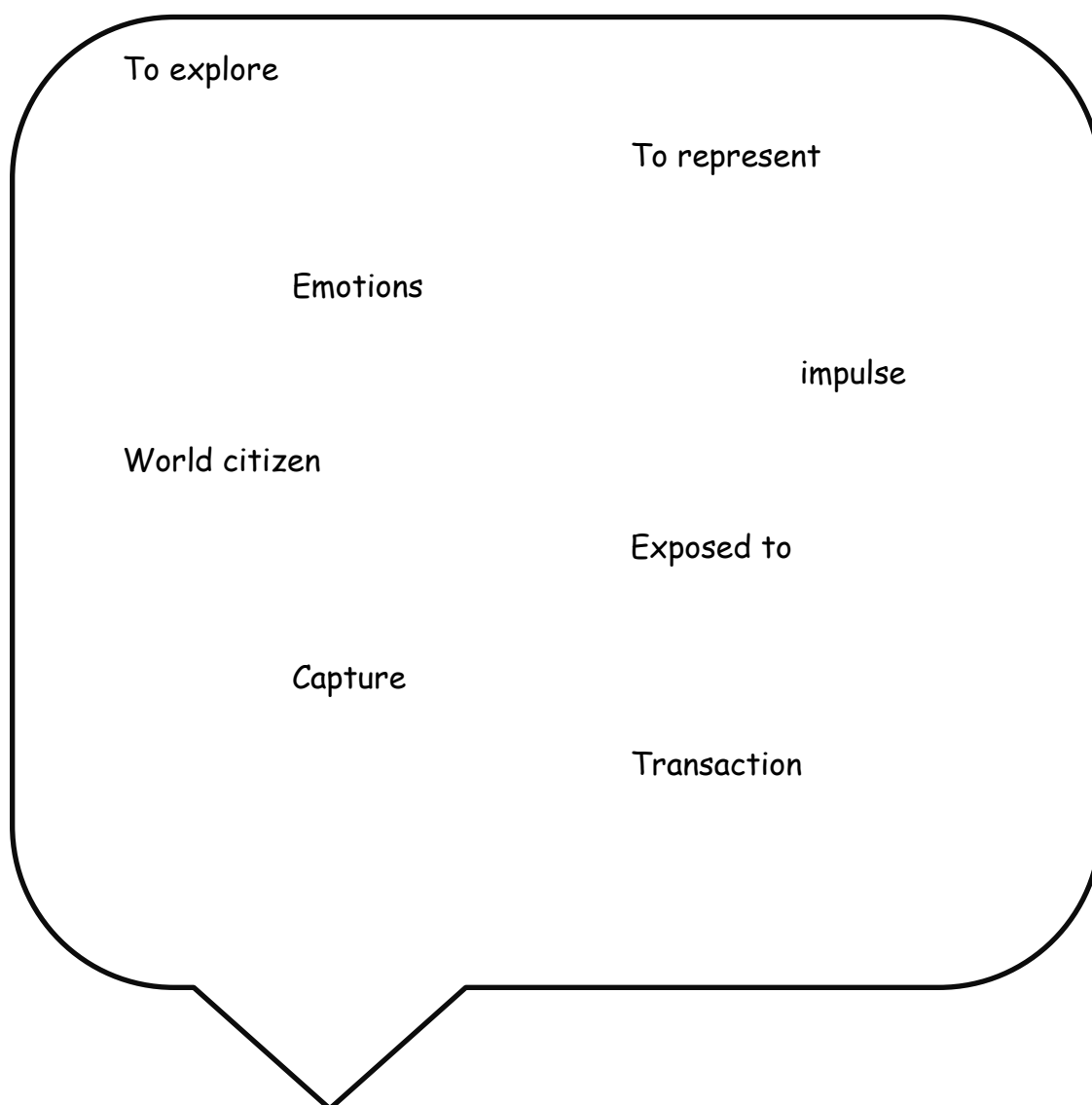
*Does all art have to hang on a wall? Not according to Anindita Dutta, who lets people hang on her art instead during Indian Art Fair in New Delhi.*

*On the Caribbean island of Antigua, we meet the artist Debbie Eckert who believes art is a window into the artist's soul and heart. She loves people and her art reveals just that.*



## A. LISTEN AND WRITE

Below you will find expressions used in the program. In what context are they used and what do they mean, do you think? Try to figure it out while watching the program, then discuss with a friend to see if you got it right.



**B. DISCUSS IN CLASS**

- What is art to you? Who decides what is art and what is not? Does art have to be beautiful? Does it have to move you? Can it cross into other fields, such as science or music? What do you prefer when it comes to art? Explain your thoughts to your friends.
- Anindita Dutta's work is called "Everything ends and everything matters". Why do you think it's called that? She uses actors together with her sculpture in a performance. Do you think her sculpture would be the same without the performance? Does the performance enhance the artist's intentions? Explain as thoroughly as possible.
- Debbie Eckert uses art to explore different cultures and to communicate. Explain in what ways art could be a good medium to use when it comes to exploring the world and expressing yourself. She also says that an artist's soul and heart is in their work? Do you agree with this? Why/why not? Explain your thoughts! Is art about communication? In what way could you say that art itself is a language? Do you think it can bypass the brain and communicate through emotions rather than active thoughts? Or do you think it really stimulates the brain and gets you thinking?





### C. RESEARCH THE WORD/EXPRESSION

What do these words/expressions mean? Try to see if you can find explanations to them on the internet.

❖ Structure: \_\_\_\_\_  
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❖ Concept: \_\_\_\_\_  
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❖ Visual: \_\_\_\_\_  
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❖ Environmental: \_\_\_\_\_  
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❖ Temporary: \_\_\_\_\_  
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❖ Performance: \_\_\_\_\_  
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❖ Ideology: \_\_\_\_\_

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❖ Portrait: \_\_\_\_\_

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❖ Pastel: \_\_\_\_\_

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❖ Acrylic: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### D. EXTRA MATERIAL

- Try to express an emotion or an important message through sculpting. Don't think too much while doing it, let your hands and heart guide you. Why not close your eyes and feel what you want to express rather than see it? Does the sculpture take on a different shape from if you would have sculpted with your eyes open and having thought everything through at first?
- Study some works within the field of performance art. What is performance art? What have artists expressed through performance art? How does this art form differ from others? Why have artists working with performance chosen this as their way to express themselves? See if you can find a performance that intrigues you and if there is an interview with the artist about the piece. Did you react to the performance the way the artist intended?
- Use flipgrid to explain your thoughts on art – what it is to you, what art means, whether or not it can be used as a language, what type of art you prefer etc.

