

Nature Metaphors

In his work, Jordan Weber uses plants to represent people's lives. This activity invites you to create your own metaphors for people you know.

<https://www.u-ca.org/exhibition/where-we-land>

Essential Questions:

What do they look like? Are the plants spiky, soft, colorful, plain, delicate, strong?

How do they grow? Do they need a lot of sun and water, can they grow anywhere, do they grow fast or slow?

What do the plants contribute? Perhaps clean air, flowers, fruit, nutrients for soil, food for insects and animals?



1. Gather examples of different plants. This can be done by taking a stroll outside and collecting samples of plants, researching images of plants, or simply drawing plants you know.
2. Think about the qualities of the plants you've assembled. Use the essential questions for guidance.
3. Think about people you know - family, friends, famous people - and decide which plants best fit each person based on your answers in step 2.
4. Share your creative pairings of people and plants with your family and friends. Explain your reasonings and ask if they agree with your choices. Talk about how these metaphors make you feel.