Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed A Neighborhood

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Questions and Activities

1. Why did Mira and her friends create something beautiful for her neighborhood?

2. What does it mean to transform something? How did art transform the neighborhood in the story? What are other ways a neighborhood can be transformed?

3. Take a walk outside where you live. What type of art are you surrounded by? What colors, shapes, and designs do you notice? Why is art important for your neighborhood?

4. Create your own mini mural on paper. Imagine the “world is your canvas.” What type of artwork would you create for your neighborhood and why? Who would you work with to create your art? What story would your art tell?