

SPOTLIGHT

Featuring Vanessa German's *Black Girl with Snakes*

- Step 1:** Learn about the Spotlight work of art.
Step 2: See it in real life on your own or on a tour.
Step 3: Brainstorm your project.
Step 4: Make something that reflects your ideas.
Step 5: Exhibit it at the McNay!



Vanessa German, *BLACK GIRL WITH SNAKES*, 2020. Assemblage. Collection of the McNay Art Museum, Museum purchase with funds gifted anonymously in memory of Madeline O'Connor. © Vanessa German.

Spotlight Learning Outcomes

- Creativity
- Flexible thinking
- Cooperation
- Communication

But also...

- Friendship
- Respect
- Self-confidence
- Love of the arts

Vanessa German, *Black Girl with Snakes*

- Vanessa German (American, born 1976) is a Pittsburgh-based self-taught citizen artist and the fourth living artist to be featured in Spotlight.
- Made in 2020, the artist references themes of rebirth, rejuvenation, and hope in times of uncertainty and loss during the global pandemic.
- German sources a wide range of found objects and decorative elements to create her power figures, relying on the "frequency of yes" to guide selection and placement.
- *BLACK GIRL WITH SNAKES* includes porcelain figurines, fake plants, sequined snakes, mirrors, and birds all surrounding a central Black female power figure.
- In addition to sculpture, German expresses herself through photography and spoken word.



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Spotlight Brainstorm



Art Observations

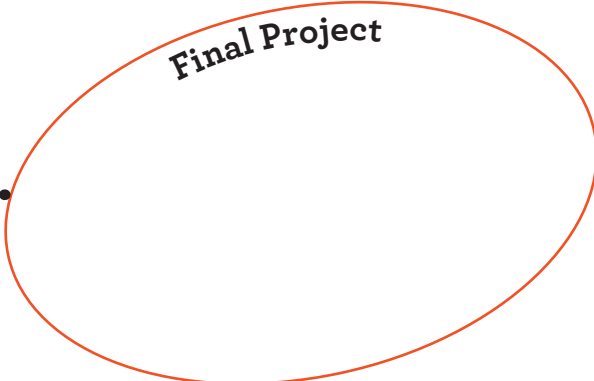
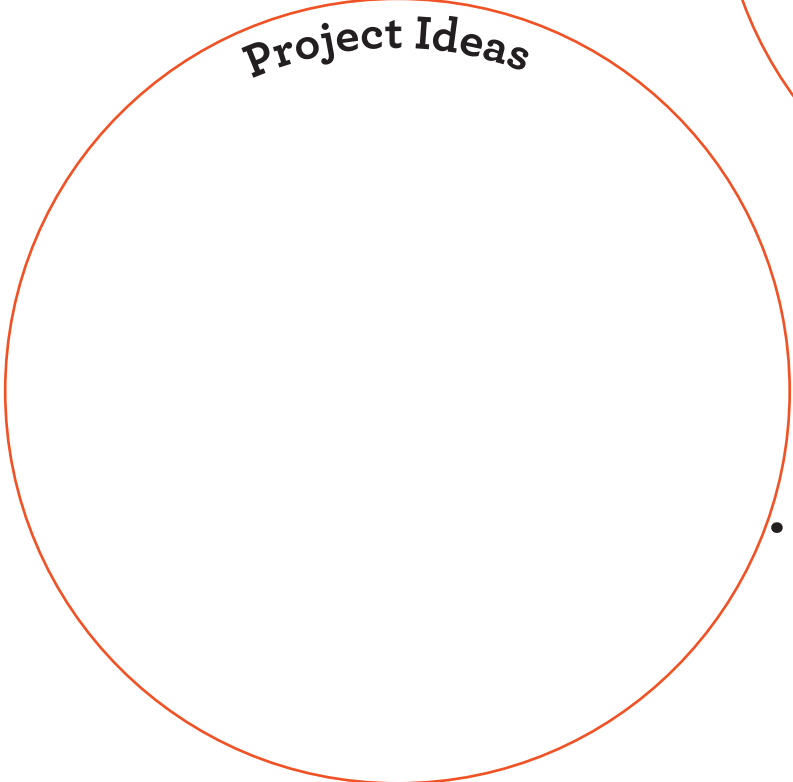
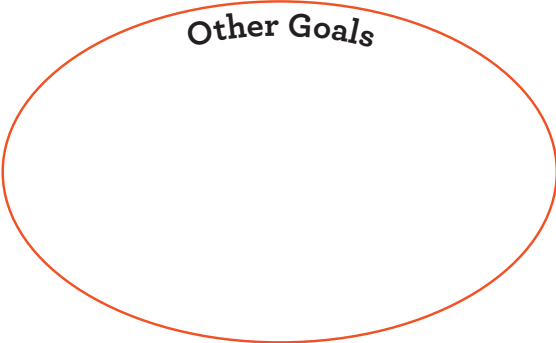
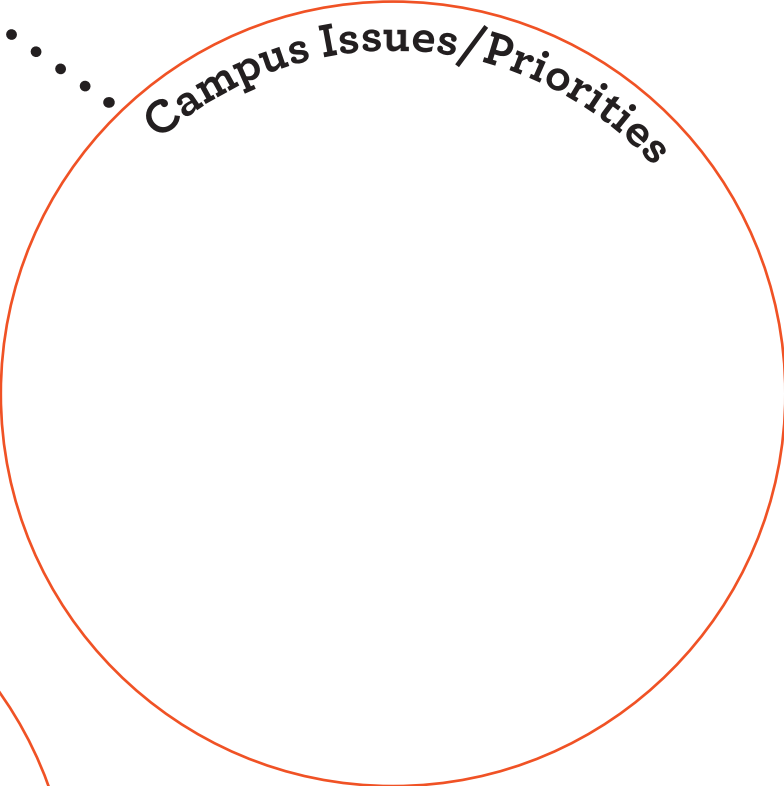
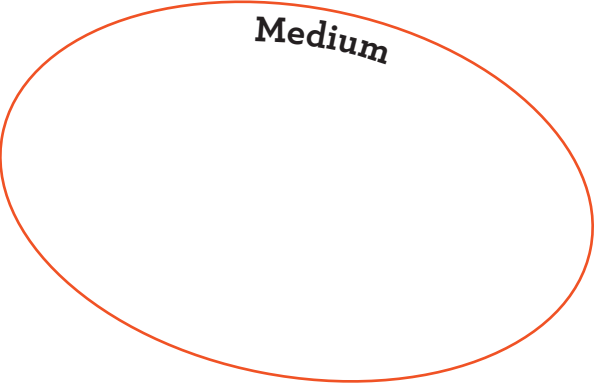
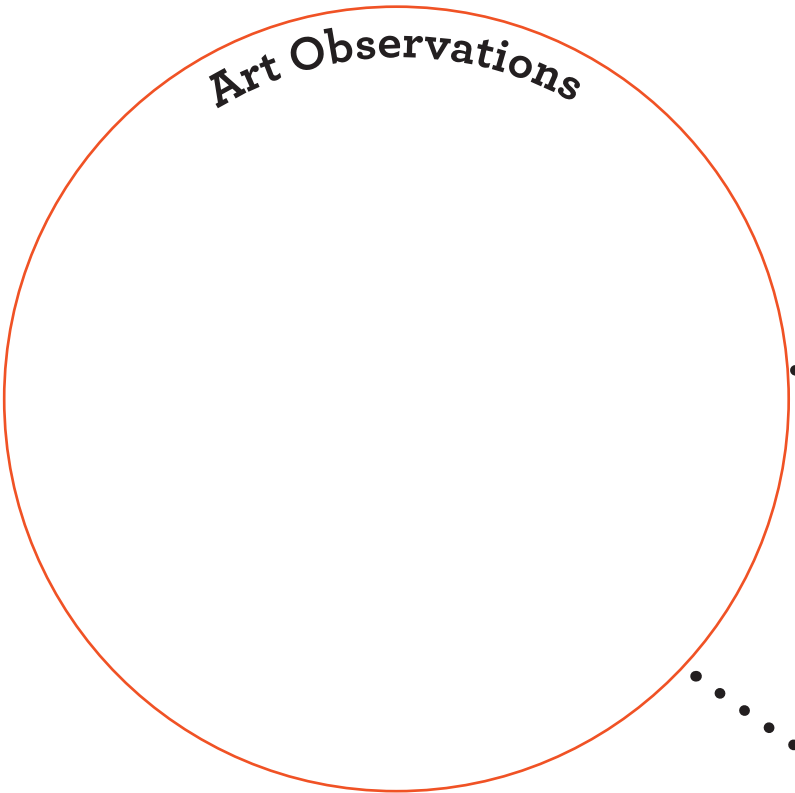
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Campus Issues/Priorities

Other Goals

Project Ideas

Final Project



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