

Date: Friday, May 27, 2016

Site: Liberty City Community Center

Teaching Artist: Trelani Duncan

Goal: Identify and write about power figures, then start crafting our dolls.

15 minutes: Introductions through the yarn game. I start with the ball of yarn and introduce myself. Whoever has something in common with me will raise their hand. I'll choose one person and throw the ball to them. They'll do the same. By the end, we're one big web, demonstrating interconnectedness.

Introductions should include:

- Your name
- School you go to
- One thing that you're really good at

10 minutes: Discuss what power figures are and collectively identify power figures we know or have learned about

Power figures, in short, are people and characters (could be fictional/imaginary) who are impacting the local/national/global community in a positive way.

15 minutes: Choose a power figure to either write about or write a letter to, identifying:

- Who they are
- How they help others
- Why that work matters
- What traits in them do you see in yourself

10 minutes: Share what you wrote!

10 minutes: Discuss how we'll turn what we wrote into a visual power figure next week, allow students to choose fabrics they'll want to start crafting their dolls with, and let them know they can bring material from home as well (with parent permission).