

Teacher Resource Guide

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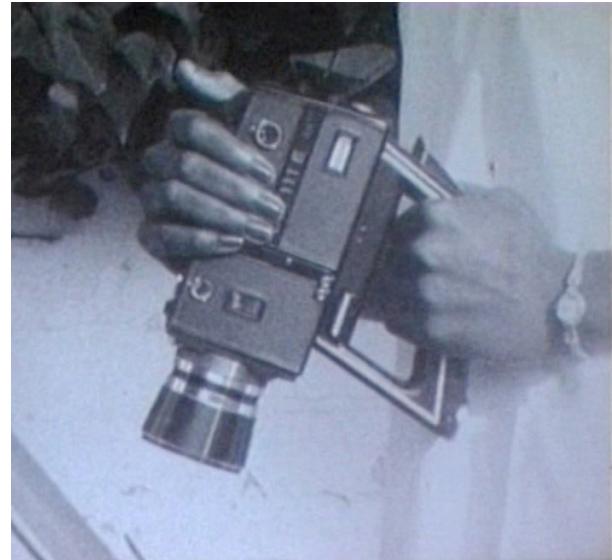
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2. List of California State Content Standards applied to the tour's activities
3. Key Vocabulary
4. Exhibition description, general theme and film information
5. Tour and post-visit activities (1-4)
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Grade 3

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Grade 5

4.1 Identify how selected principles of design are used in a work of art and how they affect personal responses to and evaluation of the work of art.

Grade 4

5.4 Read biographies and stories about artists and summarize the readings in short reports, telling how the artists mirrored or affected their time period or culture.

Grade 5

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Common Core English Language Arts Content Standards (ELA)

Grade 3

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Grade 4

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FILMS ON VIEW DURING VISIT

Naia (2017)
by Alima Lee

Your Children Come Back to You (1979)
by Alile Sharon Larkin

La Fleur Noire (2017)
by Alima Lee and Chris Bordenave

Portrait of My Mother (2016)
by Sophia Nahli Allison

RUN TIME

..... 6 mins 0 secs

..... 29 mins 0 secs

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TOTAL RUN TIME: 42 mins 14 secs

TOTAL RUN TIME WITH ACTIVITIES: 62 mins 14 secs



Filmmakers Alile Sharon Larkin and Ben Caldwell. 27 February 2019.
Photo by Lisandra Vazquez.

GENERAL THEMES

- Family
- Politicization
- Diaspora
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ACTIVITY 01 | Naia

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2. Direct students to watch the film and consider the themes that emerge during their viewing.

3. Ask students to complete activity 01 on page 02 of their handouts.

Students should write or draw what they saw, thought and wondered about watching the film. See below how the activity is designed (5 minutes for the activity):

	Space to write	Space to draw.
I see	
	
	
I think	
	
I wonder	
	



Still from *Naia* (2017) by Alima Lee.

ACTIVITY 02 | Your Children Come Back To You

Activity 02: Your Children Come Back To You

1. Introduce the film *Your Children Come Back to You* (1979) by Alile Sharon Larkin. Read the film's description on page 08 of this teacher resource guide.

2. Direct students to watch the film and continue considering the themes they encounter from their viewing.

3. Ask students to complete activity 03 on page 03 of their handouts. Students should circle words that represent the themes they encountered during their viewing of the film. Students should also write or draw in their responses to the listed questions. See below how the activity is designed (10 minutes for the activity):

Family Trees Love Grass	Flowers Doggies Grandpa	Dad Community
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What are some of the themes you identified while watching *Your Children Come Back to You*? Use the keywords in the word box (above) to write down the themes you noticed.

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Still from *Your Children Come Back To You* (1979) by Alile Sharon Larkin.

Space to write.	Space to draw.
Write your own narrative! How would you tell your story?	
Who are some important role models in your life? Tell us about them.	

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ACTIVITY 03 | *La Fleur Noire & Portrait of My Mother*

Activity 03: *La Fleur Noire* and *Portrait of My Mother*

1. Introduce the films *La Fleur Noire* (2014) by Alima Lee and Chris Bordenave and *Portrait of My Mother* (2016) by Sophia Nahli Allison. Read the films' descriptions on page 08 of this teacher resource guide.

2. Read the 'Did You Know' section (see below) to your students.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Still from *La Fleur Noire* (2014) by Alima Lee and Chris Bordenave.

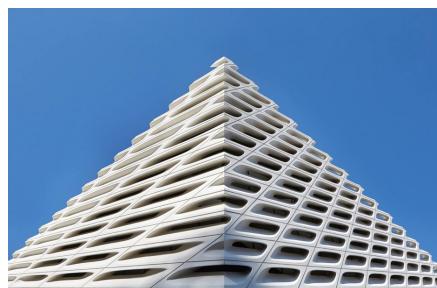


Still from *Portrait of My Mother* (2016) by Sophia Nahil Allison.

3. Direct students to watch the films.

4. Ask students to complete activity 03 on page 04 of their handouts. Students should either write or draw their responses to the listed questions. See below how the activity is designed (5 minutes for the activity):

<p>What are some ways you interact with nature?</p> <p>Space to write.</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Space to draw.</p>
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To learn more: thebroad.org/soul-of-a-nation

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POST-VISIT ACTIVITY | Tell Your Story!

POST-VISIT ACTIVITY: Tell Your Story!

In your classroom, have your students reflect on themselves and the films they watched during their visit to A+P. This activity will require students to tell their story in a creative way. Students will do this by creating a collage, photo essay or zine. The objective is for students to develop their own biographic narrative. Students should feel free to express this by using personal photos, image cut outs, written words, drawings, etc.

Feel free to develop or restructure the following activity to fit your classroom's capabilities; and check out artist Renata Cherlise' website Blvck Vrarchives to view the technique that Cherlise uses to narrate Black life in America.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Materials Needed:

- Blank copy or colored paper
- Magazine clippings
- Copies of family photos to scan (if you have a scanner that is easily accessible)

1. Collage Option

Step 1: Print out personal photographs in various sizes. They can be either black/white or color photos. **Note:** photo paper is not required to print your photos.

Step 2: Cut the photos, magazine clippings or newspapers into shapes of your choosing.

Step 3: Apply glue to the back of your clippings/photographs and place them on a piece of colorful paper. Create your own personal message or story using the photos that you collage.

Step 4: Let your collage dry.

Need inspiration? Visit this link to learn more: thesprucecrafts.com/how-to-make-a-photo-collage-1249497.

2. Photo Essay Option

Step 1: Find a personal photo that inspires you. It can be a photo of a family gathering, friend's birthday party, etc.

More About Blvck Vrarchives

The website Blvck Vrarchives was launched in 2015 by artist Renata Cherlise. Blvck Vrarchives began as an online photography platform and archive space where Cherlise sought to counter mainstream narratives of Black people in America. The archive is a platform where one can find everyday imagery and intimate photographs of the daily lives of Black people across America.

For more info: www.blvckvrarchives.com/



Screenshot of Blvck Vrarchives homepage. Courtesy of blvckvrarchives.com

Renata Cherlise's film *Black Superman* (2014) was made in collaboration with artist Russel Hamilton. The film is on view at Art + Practice as part of *Time is Running Out of Time: Experimental Film and Video from the L.A. Rebellion and Today*.

Step 2: Write about the photo in your notebook. Talk about what you see. How the photo makes you feel. Are you in the photo? Can you recall when the photo was taken? Who's in the photo? Consider your personal narrative when describing the photo and its contents.

Need inspiration? Visit this link to learn about how to create a family photo essay: digital-photography-school.com/create-family-photo-essay/.

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FILM DESCRIPTIONS | *Naia, Your Children Come Back To You, La Fleur Noire* and *Portrait of My Mother*



ABOUT NAIA

Naia is an observational documentary that follows its 14-year-old namesake as she reflects on her life. In Lee's film, Naia describes her past isolation in school as one of few Black students. She also tells the viewer about her mother who is a hardworking teacher and her father who is incarcerated, with whom she maintains a close relationship and corresponds through letters. The grainy texture of Super 8 film lends gravitas to Naia's point of view while capturing her performing everyday tasks at home and in her neighborhood.

Still from *Naia* (2017) by Alima Lee.



ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN COME BACK TO YOU

The film *Your Children Come Back To You* (1979) follows a single mother living welfare check to welfare check, and struggling to provide for her daughter. During the film, the mother faces the option of having a close relative take over guardianship of her daughter with the hopes of her relative providing a better life for her daughter or to continue the current cycle she is in. Filmmaker Alile Sharon Larkin portrays what families, living in poverty, have to face in order to provide a better life for their children.

Still from *Your Children Come Back To You* (1979) by Alile Sharon Larkin.



ABOUT LA FLEUR NOIR

La Fleur Noir stages Black femme dancers in a bright garden posing while each subject narrates their lived experiences and the challenges they face. Filmmakers Alima Lee and Chris Bordenave show the resilience, strength, and optimism that these Black femmes have despite the challenges they explain.

Still from *La Fleur Noir* (2014) by Alima Lee and Chris Bordenave.



ABOUT PORTRAIT OF MY MOTHER

Inspired by Rembrandt paintings, *Portrait of My Mother* is a stylized short documentary about the filmmaker's mother. Sophia Nahli Allison's mother, Sybil Desta, former member of the Leimert Park-based Griot Workshop, narratives her resilience in moving forward despite the many hardships she has faced. Allison's employment of classic portraiture is subversive in its celebration of Black femme resilience.

Still from *Portrait of My Mother* (2016) by Sophia Nahli Allison.



Still from *Naia* (2017) by Alima Lee.

Watch the film *Naia* (2017) by Alima Lee. After watching the film, write or draw what you saw, thought and wondered about the film.

I see



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Why is it important for a person to tell their own story? Why is it important for us to listen and understand other people's stories or point of views?

Watch the film *Your Children Come Back to You* (1979) by Alile Sharon Larkin and then complete the following questions:

Word Box

Family trees

Flowers

Dad

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Community

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MORE ACTIVITIES

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WELCOME

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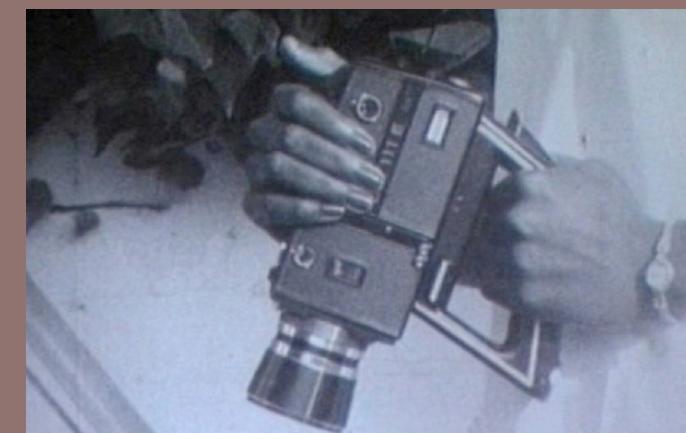
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FILM AS ART

In the 1960s, video was introduced to the world. Some artists thought this was exciting because for the first time it was easy and inexpensive to make their own films. Artists had a new way of expressing themselves creatively, applying film as art. Over time, artists started to push the boundaries of film and explored how the medium could be adjusted and played with. They made various types of films: black and white; large-scale installations and many others. The films did not necessarily have a plot, like a traditional film shown in a movie theater and did not follow any rules.

At A+P, you will experience a series of films that were created in the 1960s and 70s by artists living in Los Angeles - artists who embraced film as a medium to express themselves. These artists shot their films on reels



A still from *Daydream Therapy* (1977) by Bernard Nicolas of film, which had to be developed and shown on a projector. As you watch their films, consider the themes that emerge. Think about how your experience of watching the films at A+P is different from when you watch a film on Netflix or in a movie theater.

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student handout

GRADES 3-5

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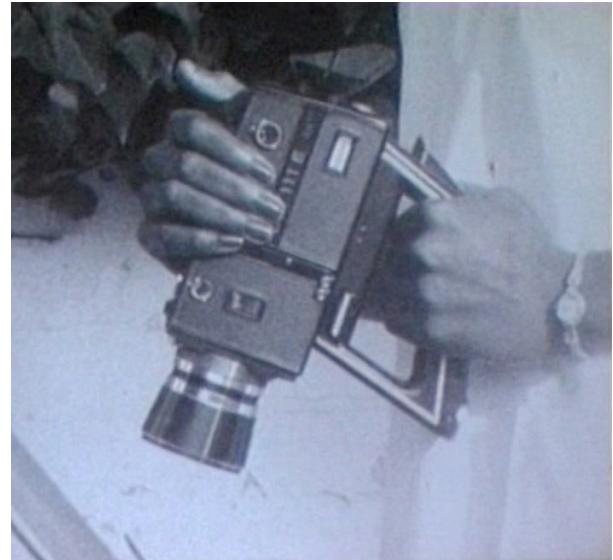
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Grade 8

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Grade 7

4.3 Take an active part in a small-group discussion about the artistic value of specific works of art, with a wide range of the viewpoints of peers being considered.

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Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.

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by Philana Payton

..... 5 mins 15 secs

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What were your initial responses after watching this film?	<i>Space to draw.</i>
Have you experienced a time when someone tried to lower your expectations? How did you handle that?	



Still from *Rich* (1982) by S. Torriano Berry.

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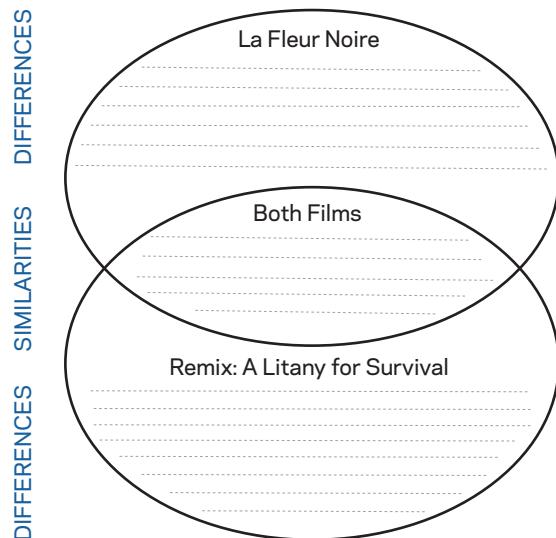
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Screenshot of Blvck Vrarchives homepage. Courtesy of blvckvrarchives.com

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FILM DESCRIPTIONS | *Portrait of My Mother*, *Rich*, *Remix: A Litany for Survival* and *La Fleur Noire*



Still from *Portrait of My Mother* (2016) by Sophia Nahli Allison.

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ABOUT RICH

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Still from *La Fleur Noir* (2014) by Alima Lee and Chris Bordenave.

ABOUT LA FLEUR NOIR

La Fleur Noir stages Black femme dancers in a bright garden posing while each subject narrates their lived experiences and the challenges they face. Filmmakers Alima Lee and Chris Bordenave show the resilience, strength, and optimism that these Black femmes have despite the challenges they explain.

Still from *Portrait of My Mother* (2016)
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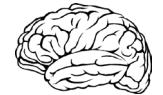


Watch the film *Portrait of My Mother* (2016) by Sophia Nahli Allison.
After watching the film, write or draw what you saw, thought and wondered about the film.

I see



I think



I wonder



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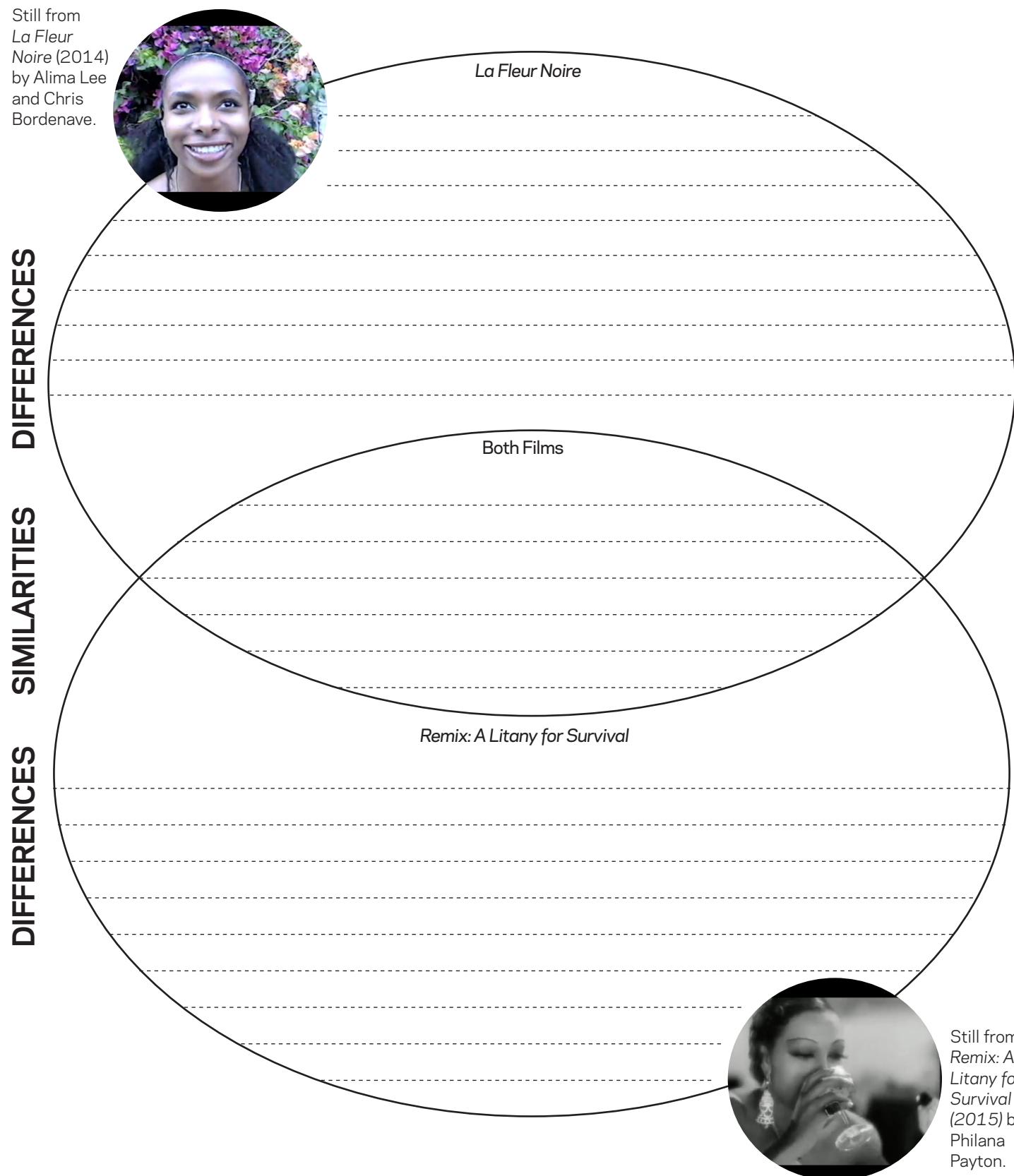
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CONTINUE ACTIVITY ON NEXT PAGE.

After watching the following two films, use the provided Venn diagram to write the key differences and similarities on how the artists celebrate Black women.



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Hello from Art + Practice!

Thank you for scheduling your upcoming field trip to Art + Practice's exhibition space. A+P is excited to welcome your class for a self-guided tour of the exhibition titled *Time is Running Out of Time: Experimental Film and Video from the L.A. Rebellion and Today*.

In preparation for your visit, A+P suggests that you review the following gallery rules, general information about A+P's exhibition space and provided educational resources prior to your visit. This will ensure that you will be prepared to guide your students through the suggested activities. If you have any questions, please email A+P at education@artandpractice.org or call (323) 337-6887.

We look forward to welcoming your class to A+P soon.

Sincerely,

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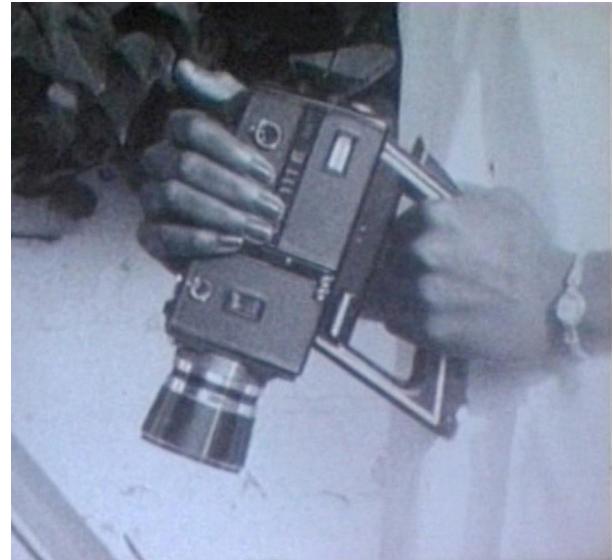
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GALLERY RULES

1. No food or drink is allowed. If students bring their lunches, they can leave their food/drinks with A+P near the front gallery desk.
2. Only one student to use a set of headphones at a time.
3. Only one student to sit on the black cubes or bean bags at a time.
4. No running or skipping in the gallery.
5. Backpacks and large bags are not permitted in the gallery. Students can leave their belongings with A+P near the front gallery desk.
6. No pens are allowed. A+P will provide students with pencils for the tour.
7. No flash photography permitted.
8. Visitors should use inside voices while in the gallery.
9. Limited use of cell phones is requested.



Still from *Daydream Therapy* (1977) by Bernard Nicolas.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Duration

Self-guided tours typically range between 45 minutes-1 hour.

Group Size and Chaperones Count

Groups of 30 or less are highly encouraged. Adult to student ratio should be 1:10.

Teacher Resource Guide

This packet contains tools and activities for you to facilitate with your students during your visit to A+P. This packet is meant to integrate into your curriculum and incorporate the California State Content Standards.

Please follow the directions listed in this packet, and ask an A+P staff member if you have any questions before or during your visit. We'll be happy to help.

Student Handouts

This packet corresponds to a student handout, which A+P will have printed and ready for your students upon arrival to the exhibition space, along with clipboards and sharpened pencils.

Bathroom Code

A+P has women's and men's restrooms onsite. The code for entry is **52022**.

INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET

1. Tour Agenda
2. List of California State Content Standards applied to the tour's activities
3. Key Vocabulary
4. Exhibition description, general theme and film information
5. Tour and post-visit activities (1-4)
6. Select films' descriptions

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TOUR AGENDA

1. Review the gallery rules with students (page 02).
2. Introduce the key vocabulary words to the students and encourage them to utilize them during their activities (page 03).
3. Provide students with background information about the L.A. Rebellion and the artists in the exhibit (page 04).
4. Review activities in the student handout prior to watching the films. **Note:** the students will watch the films with a short intermission between films to answer the questions listed in their packet (pages 05 and 06).

CALIFORNIA STATE CONTENT STANDARDS

While carrying out the following activities in this packet, please keep in mind the following California State Content Standards:

Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)

4.1 Articulate how personal beliefs, cultural traditions, and current social, economic, and political contexts influence the interpretation of the meaning or message in a work of art.

4.2 Compare the ways in which the meaning of a specific work of art has been affected over time because of changes in interpretation and context.

Common Core English Language Arts Content Standards (ELA)

Grades 9-10

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.WHST.9-10.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

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California State Content Standards for History/ Social Science

Grades 9-12

Historical and Social Sciences Analysis Skills

Historical Interpretation

I. Students understand the meaning, implication, and impact of historical events and recognize that events could have taken other directions.

KEY VOCABULARY

Experimental Film - A mode of film making that re-evaluates cinematic conventions and explores non-narrative forms and alternatives to traditional narratives or methods of film making. Many experimental films, particularly early ones, relate to the arts in other disciplines such as painting, dance, literature and poetry.

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Black Femme Identity - To describe a person in the Black community (not necessarily a woman) who presents femininely.

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ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Read the following exhibition summary to the students:

About *Time is Running Out of Time: Experimental Film and Video from the L.A. Rebellion and Today*

Time is Running Out of Time: Experimental Film and Video from the L.A. Rebellion and Today presents early short works of Black filmmakers and video artists in Los Angeles. Central to the exhibition is a selection from the pioneering student work of the L.A. Rebellion, a group of Black diasporic film students who attended UCLA in the aftermath of the 1965 Watts Uprising. In dialogue with these films are works from following generations of filmmakers and artists that share qualities and concerns—both aesthetic and political—with the L.A. Rebellion. Across generations, themes include the robust representation of communities, families, and lineages and the complexities of identities informed by social and political realities.

Filmmakers and artists in the exhibition include Sophia Nahli Allison, S. Torriano Berry, Chris Bordenave, Ben Caldwell, Renata Cherlise, Jacqueline Frazier, Haile Gerima, Russell Hamilton, Ijoma Illoputaife, Alile Sharon Larkin, Alima Lee, Barbara McCullough, Bernard Nicolas, Philana Payton, Cauleen Smith, Martine Syms, dana washington, and Mandy Harris Williams.

MORE ABOUT THE L.A. REBELLION

In the late 1960s and following the aftermath of the Watts Uprising, a group of African American students entered UCLA's School of Theater, Film and Television, as part of an Ethno-Communications initiative - an initiative which was designed for students to respond to communities of color. From that initiative and over two decades, emerged a group of students who are now referred to as the "L.A. Rebellion". Together, these students developed a unique cinematic voice, one that shed light on diasporic consciousness, collective memory, personal narratives, and positive characterization of Black men and women.

To learn more: cinema.ucla.edu/la-rebellion/story-la-rebellion

FILMS ON VIEW DURING VISIT

	RUN TIME
Black Superman (2014) by Renata Cherlise and Russell Hamilton 3 mins 38 secs
Remix: A Litany for Survival (2015) by Philana Payton 5 mins 15 secs
Portrait of My Mother (2016) by Sophia Nahli Allison 2 mins 14 secs
Shipley Street (1981) by Jacqueline Frazier 25 mins 0 secs

TOTAL RUN TIME: 36 mins 07 secs

TOTAL RUN TIME WITH ACTIVITIES: 69 mins 07 secs



Filmmakers Alile Sharon Larkin and Ben Caldwell. 27 February 2019.
Photo by Lisandra Vazquez.

GENERAL THEMES

- Family
- Politicization
- Diaspora
- Education within Black communities
- Black Femininity / Black Femme
- Black Male Masculinity

BEFORE YOUR VISIT

Visit the following link to share a short video with your students prior to your visit to A+P. The short video will provide more context to the 1965 L.A. Uprising in Watts, Los Angeles.

youtu.be/SDvY_anJdc

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ACTIVITY 03 | Shipley Street



Still from *Shipley Street* (1981) by Jacqueline Frazier.

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ABOUT BLACK SUPERMAN

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Psssst!

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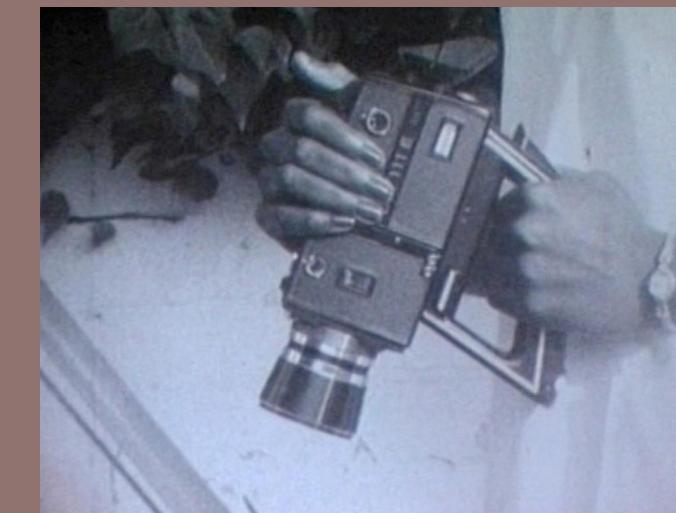
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