

Gr. 10 Art
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Text and Image Poster Project

“They Tried To Bury Us They Didn’t Know We Were Seeds”

Ontario Curriculum links:

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Studies - Grades 9 to 12

The Arts

English & Media Literacy

Canadian and World Studies

History

Social Sciences and Humanities

Step One:

Read the following quotation:

“It has been over seven years since 43 students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers’ College in Guerrero, Mexico, were taken by armed men in the middle of the night. They were never seen again. Their disappearance sparked mass protests, as the 43 became symbols of Mexico’s unchecked human rights abuses. In recent decades, tens of thousands of people have gone missing in Mexico, and almost no one has been held accountable. The culture of impunity is so ingrained that families often don’t go to police for help, believing they’re either corrupt or too afraid to investigate.”

Can you relate this quotation to another historical situation/event?

(5 marks)

How might this quotation relate to the history of residential schools in Canada?

(5 marks)

Might this quotation resonate with you on a personal level?
Explain, with examples.

Step Two:

Background Reading:

"They buried us, but they didn't know we were seeds."* The quote comes from poet Dinos Christianopoulos, who was sidelined by the Greek literary community in the 1970s because he was gay.

*<https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-41366656>

What is a possible meaning of this quote?

(2 marks)

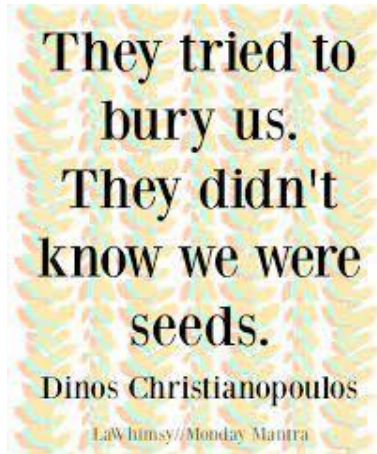
Dinos Christianopoulos' quotation has been illustrated in these posters with specific symbols, designs and images.

Consider how each design might influence its message, and interpret that message. Then read and complete the same chart for each poster (6 marks each).

Text	Style of Text	Technique	Imagery/ Symbols/ Design	Colours	Message

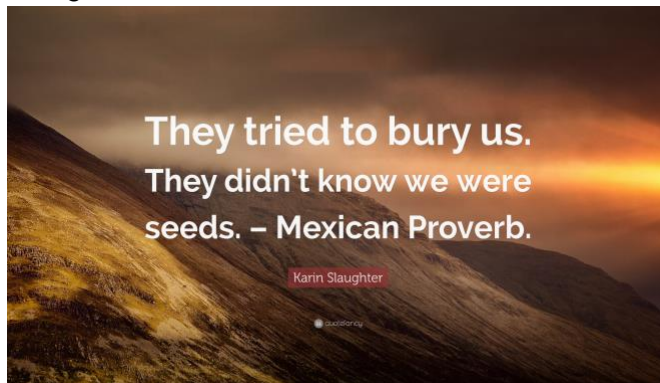
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Design #1



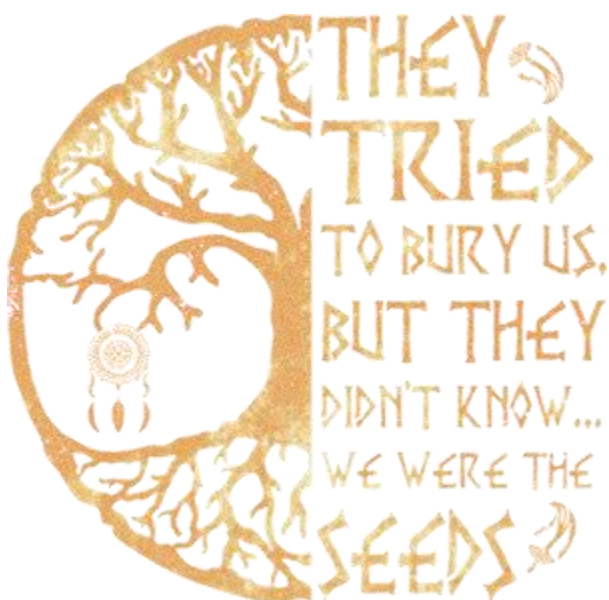
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Design #2



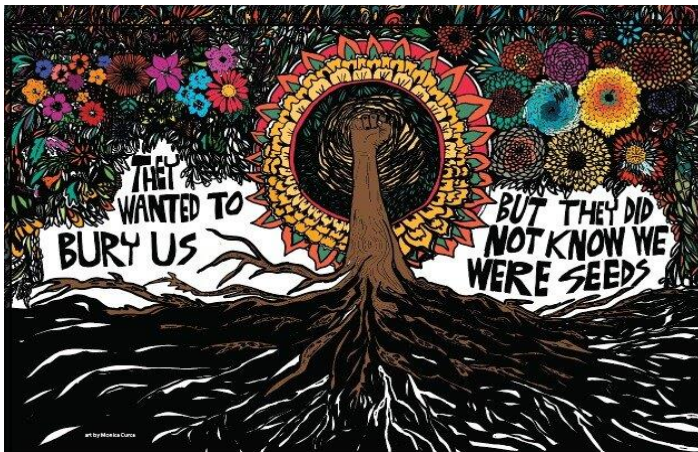
<https://quoteofancy.com/quote/2054156/Karin-Slaughter-They-tried-to-bury-us-They-didn-t-know-we-were-seeds-Mexican-Proverb>

Design #3



<https://bestteestore.net/product/they-tried-to-bury-us-but-they-didnt-know-we-were-the-seeds-shirt/>

Design #4



<https://www.activatelabs.org/beautifulresistancestore/they-wanted-to-bury-us-but-they-did-not-know-we-were-seeds>

Design #5



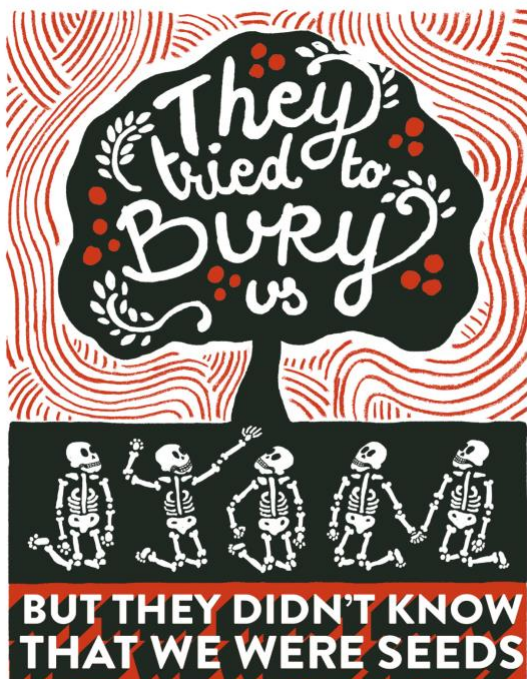
<https://www.denverlibrary.org/blog/books/heidie/seed-rematriation>

Design #6



<https://justseeds.org/product/they-tried-to-bury-us-they-didnt-know-we-were-seeds/>

Design #7



<https://landonsheely.com/post/110794377467/they-tried-to-bury-us-but-they-didnt-know-that>

Design #8



<https://www.qoya.love/qoya-is-wise-wild-free/2019/7/1/planting-seeds-of-potential-new-moon-and-solar-eclipse-in-cancer>

Design #9



Design #10



<https://lawandcrime.com/2020-election/michigan-naACP-scorches-trump-campaigns-bid-to-disenfranchise-nearly-half-of-states-black-population/>

Step Three:

Research/find a quotation that is meaningful to you in your life.
Ask yourself, "What do I want to say that is important to me as an individual?"

- Be proud of yourself.
- Think about your ethnicity.
- Think about your religion.
- Think about your interests.
- Think about your family values.

You may choose the quotation we have been studying, or another quotation.

Try to find the author of this quotation, and attribute your source.

Illustrate this quotation by considering the following:

- Style of Text
- Technique
- Imagery / Symbols / Design
- Colour

Complete the chart below to plan your design.

Text	Style of Text	Technique	Imagery/ Symbols/ Design	Colours	Message

(12 marks)

Step Four:

- Make two planning drawings.
 - Use colour.
 - Use multimedia to create these planning drawings.
 - Your final artwork will be in multimedia.
 - You will take your best idea to create a horizontal format poster.
- Planning Drawings (10 marks)

Total: / 87 marks