

# **Final Map Project**

**Guide to New York's Public Art**

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- Choose a work of art in New York city.
- It can be a public statue, a building or a piece of architecture.
- It must be in a public-accessible place (and therefore cannot be an object from a museum)
- Research the object and put the work in historical context, with an emphasis on its artistic value.

Only one student per artwork on the first-come, first-served basis.

When you have decided, please let your instructor know. It will be uploaded onto a chart on our website.

# Example: Balloon Flower by Jeff Koons at WTC



# Some Things to Consider about this work...

- Who is Jeff Koons and what is the meaning behind this sculpture?
- What was the intention of putting this work in this place?
- How are the visitors/viewers supposed to interact with this work?
- How long was this sculpture in this space? Why was it removed?



# Research Tools

- Books on Jeff Koons
- Articles about his Balloon Flower series
- Online resources at [BMCC Library](#)
- Art and Art History [databases](#) (from BMCC Library)
- (access through BMCC Library)
- [JStor](#) (accessible via BMCC)
- Have you activated your BMCC Library card? If not, please do so by visiting the library's circulation desk.
- Utilizing libraries in New York City, Metropolitan Museum of Art

# How to find a topic

- Anything made after 1400 is fine.
- Pick something that interest you, go out and walk about your neighborhood and take a look.
- Please note the specific location of the work so it can be identified on a map.

# How to Find a Thesis

- A thesis is an argument. It is the driving force of your paper. It needs to make a claim rather than just describing a work of art.
- Checklist for a good thesis sentence:
  - Does the sentence make a claim rather than merely offer a description?
  - Is the claim arguable rather than self-evident, universally accepted, and of little interest?
  - Can evidence be adduced to support the claim?
  - Is the claim narrow enough to be convincingly supported in a paper written within the allotted time and of the assigned length?