

2016 Grade 10 Beauvais Lake Sign Project

As an English teacher, I search for ideas and projects for my students. I believe authentic learning happens when student can see that their work has meaning and relativity. I often hear students wonder aloud if what we study in class will have any useful application in their lives. Questions like that rattled around my head during my high school tenure. I want to see my students engaged and challenged, and I want them to know that what they learn in my English class equips and empowers them for wherever they choose to go and whatever they choose to do.

This project evolved or hatched from the conversations of people who think a bit like I do; and when asked if creating a sign, a sign with connections to the cloud, in which students could express their ideas and interpretations for the world to see, I believe I said, “Oh yes! I like that! I like it a lot.” And so after a few meetings and a few classes we ironed out what we thought and what the students thought this project could look like.

I find myself exuberant when I think about the fun many have had researching, working and playing with this project. And I would like to thank those who helped make it possible.

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