

# WIDE RAINBOW LESSONS: Artist Carrie Mae Weems

## ARTIST INTRO:

Carrie Mae Weems (b. 1953) is considered one of the most influential contemporary American artists of our time. Weems is best known for her photography that explores race, identity, class, political systems, and family dynamics. For over thirty years her photographs, films, and videos center on issues facing African Americans. She is a MacArthur Genius, has received numerous awards, recognitions, and her work is exhibited and housed in major museum collections worldwide. During the pandemic she started an awareness campaign and nationwide public artwork known as “RESIST COVID / TAKE 6”.

## RESIST COVID TAKE 6!



Nationwide Public Artworks created by Carrie Mae Weems for RESIST COVID/TAKE 6!

## **WORKSHOP:**

*Let's spread the word alongside artist Carrie Mae Weems and inform our impacted communities about COVID-19 and the vaccine!*

“RESIST COVID/TAKE 6!” is a public art campaign by artist Carrie Mae Weems, that brings awareness to the greater impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Black, brown, and Indigenous communities, a result of economic and social inequities. “TAKE 6!” is a call for mobilization against the injustices of social, economic, and health inequalities. This initiative is being activated in multiple cities nationwide including New York, Detroit, Dallas, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

1. Visit RESIST COVID / TAKE 6 's website to learn more :  
<https://resistcovidtake6.org/>
2. Download & save the ‘Take 6’ poster and other resources created by Carrie to share w/ friends, family, fellow students, and neighbors
3. Take Carrie’s COVID-19 Community Oath
4. Spread the word and help to save lives!

## **MATERIALS:**

RESIST COVID/TAKE 6! Posters :  
<https://resistcovidtake6.org/tools/>

- Vaccine Poster
- Spanish Vaccine Poster
- Take 6 “Steps” Poster

My COVID-19 Oath To My Community:

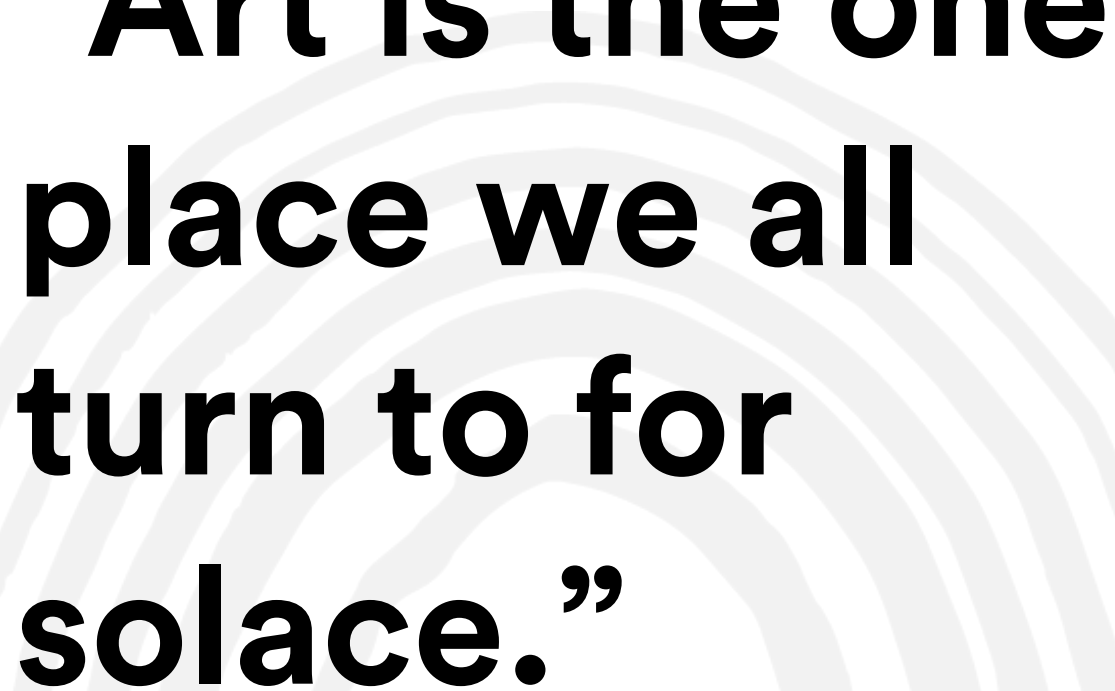
I understand that members of my community are dying at higher rates than others in the country and want to do what I can personally to prevent these deaths. I promise to act responsibly in my activities, actions, conduct and interactions with others. I will practice social distancing, mask up every time I go outside, and act as a role model to other family members by discouraging irresponsible behavior. I will follow the recommended guidelines of safe practices from the CDC to that I do not become responsible for infecting others. I pledge to always act responsibly so that I do not cause any unnecessary deaths by my irresponsible conduct in spreading the coronavirus disease.

**THE VACCINE IS  
OUR BEST SHOT  
AGAINST COVID-19 !**

**WASH YOUR HANDS, COVER YOUR FACE,  
KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE & GET TESTED!**



**RESIST  
COVID  
TAKE 6!**  
A SOCIAL STUDIES 101 PROJECT  
RESISTCOVIDTAKE6.ORG



**“Art is the one  
place we all  
turn to for  
solace.”**

**- Carrie Mae  
Weems**

**FOLLOW UP:**

What misinformation about the pandemic have you been exposed to?

How can you take care of yourself and others?

Who do you know that needs a vaccine?

How can you spread the word?

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