But it's a Dry Heat



Tempe Center for the Arts

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This mini unit was developed in conjunction with the Tempe Center for the Arts' inaugural exhibition, But It's a Dry Heat, in 2007. This unit offers suggestions for teachers who are interested in planning art activities focused on the theme of the exhibition.

But It's A Dry Heat - Overview of the Exhibition PowerPoint

Themes

- Theme in Life: We all live in a place where climate matters.
- Theme in Art: Art can help us understand what it's like to live in different places.

Inquiry



How can artists working in diverse media interpret the same big idea in their art?



How does the printmaking process help artists explore, modify and refine visual choices.

Community Connections

Tempe and neighboring communities in the Valley of the Sun are located in the Sonoran Desert, where heat and scarcity of water have presented and always will present challenges for its residents.

But It's a Dry Heat Monoprinting Workshop with Tempe High School PowerPoint

Click to see an overview of an Advanced Photography and Advanced Art project inspired by a class visit to the "But It's a Dry Heat" exhibition at the Tempe Center for the Arts.

Credits

Larry Yañez taught the monoprinting process and shared how he develops ideas for his own art. Kathy David's Advanced Photography and Advanced Art students at Tempe High School made the sample artworks.