How It’s Made
Big Tex Edition

Recap
★ Read the Big Tex fact sheet again.
★ Recall what caused Big Tex to burn in 2012.
★ Review this article about Big Tex’s clothes, and remember the class discussion you had about how much money you think it costs.
★ Remember that ephemeral art is temporary. It is intended to be destroyed.

Plan Your Route.
★ Go directly to Big Tex Circle.

Optional Materials to Bring
★ Smart Phone or Tablet
★ Science notebook or paper
★ Pencil & Notepad
★ State Fair of Texas map
★ Sketchbook for Arts Connection

While You’re There
You will use information you gather at the State Fair to help you with TWO project goals:
1. Design a new version of Big Tex that you feel best represents the people of Texas.
2. Create your own ephemeral artwork.

You will actually work on these projects back at school.

For now, the objective of your visit is to collect information about Big Tex from your own point of view, as well as from the perspective of the people who are part of the State Fair.
YOUR POINT OF VIEW
★ Observe Big Tex as he moves and speaks.
• Make notes, take pictures, or record video of his movement and speech.
• Make observations about other traits of Big Tex: how is he bolted to the ground, what he is wearing, etc.

VENDORS’ POINT OF VIEW
★ Interview different vendors at the Fair!
• Ask them what the State Fair of Texas and Big Tex mean to them.
• Ask vendors about the products (food, clothing, and other goods) they are selling.
• How much do their products cost?
• What materials do they use to create these products, and how much do they cost?
• How are the products they create representative of Texas and Texans?

Plan Your Route:
Arts Connection – Creative Arts Building
★ Continue straight on Lonestar Blvd.
★ Take a right on Nimitz Drive to go to the Creative Arts Building.
★ There you will find a sculpture made of butter!
★ When finished, explore the rest of the Fair to look for ephemeral art.

ARTS CONNECTIONS
★ Travel through the Arts and Crafts building and look for examples of ephemeral, or temporary art.
• In this building you will find a sculpture made of butter! Do you think this would be considered ephemeral art? Why or why not?
• Look at the other art in the building - do you see any examples there?
• Keep on the lookout for more examples of temporary art at the Fair.
• Don’t forget to sketch or list the examples you find along with the materials that were used.
Back at School

When you return to class following your State Fair visit, you will work on your two project goals! See your teachers for more information.