

## NMAAHC HIGHLIGHTS

# ART AS A PLATFORM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Three not-to-miss objects and stories throughout the NMAAHC that highlight the connection between art and social justice.

## WHAT IS ART AS A PLATFORM FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE?

Social justice has historically developed visual and literary arts to capture the spirit and platforms of resistance, and to disseminate those messages to audiences outside of mainstream methods. Art as a platform for social justice is seeded throughout African American history.



**Grade 3 & Up**

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MUSEUM *of*  
AFRICAN  
AMERICAN  
HISTORY &  
CULTURE**

Smithsonian



## **POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN MURAL**

**Where: 1968 and Beyond  
(C1 - History Galleries)**

What images or phrases can you see on the mural?



## **AFROFUTURISM: A HISTORY OF BLACK FUTURES**

**Where: Bank of America  
Exhibition Gallery (C - Concourse)**

How can Afrofuturism be a platform for social justice?



## **RECKONING: PROTEST. DEFIANCE. RESILIENCE.**

**Where: Visual Arts Gallery  
(L4 - Culture Galleries)**

What piece of art did you find most interesting? Why?

**What are two things that you learned about  
social justice and art?**

## **MORE RESOURCES**

[nmaahc.si.edu/learn/digital-learning/north-star](https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/digital-learning/north-star)

[nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/city-hope](https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/city-hope)

[searchablemuseum.com/afrofuturism](https://searchablemuseum.com/afrofuturism)

[nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/reckoning](https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/reckoning)