Objective: To give teens a creative way to express dealing with Shelter in Place and the Coronavirus pandemic.

Project: Create a Virtual Art Galleries using various mediums that teens grades 6-8 and 9-12.

Step 1: Choose Your Art Medium:
1. Photography (phone or digital camera)
2. Digital Art
3. Sketch
4. Painting
5. Sculpture (clay or playdough)

Step 2: Choose Your Topics
1. Self-Quarantine
2. Flatten the Curve
3. Shelter in Place
4. Hope
5. Social Distancing
6. Renewal

Step 3: Submit Your Art
- Submit high resolution pictures of your art project with your name, grade, and Topic Title to cmckee@ymcadallas.org by May 15, 2020.

Step 4: View Art
- Pieces will be selected and placed in a virtual art gallery on the Dallas YMCA Teens Webpage by June 1, 2020. Weekly featured art will be displayed on the Y Teens Instagram and through our weekly VLOG.

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Tips on capturing and sharing high quality photos.

If you are using a smartphone or DSLR camera, chances are your photos will be high quality as these tools are set by the manufacturer to capture content at a high resolution (lots of pixels). The issue then is make sure that your photos are sharp where they need to be.

Set your camera's focus.
Today's phone cameras automatically focus on the foreground of your frame, but not every picture you take on your phone has an obvious subject. To adjust where you want your camera lens to focus, open your camera app and tap the screen where you want to sharpen the view.

It's Lit!
Light isn’t everything, but it’s quite a bit. Make sure that your subject is well lit by natural light or other means to ensure that you have a quality photo. If you’d like to alter the composition of your photo by controlling how much light is on it, always consider that in photography, the light on your subject affects how much detail your camera’s sensor can record. Light is part of 3 important measurements that make up proper exposure in the imaging process. Your smartphone already takes care of the other two but some phones allow you to have more control. Google your phones camera feature to see how much control you can actually have.

Move your body not your lens.
Avoid zooming in. Zooming in can cut the amount of light your lens is able to utilize. This could compromise the quality of your image and cause grain and pixelation. Instead of zooming in, move your camera (or your body with the camera) closer to the subject to capture more detail. You can also crop your image later to focus on your subject if you must capture your photo from a large distance.

Share that thang!
When sharing your photos be sure to select the image size that holds the highest resolution. Since you most likely will be using a smartphone, the image that you’ve captured already has a high resolution. It is when you share your image that the file is compressed. Be sure to “attach” your image file to an email instead of copying it. When asked what size to share, be sure to select “original” or the largest size your email/message will allow. You can also upload your large photos to a cloud or one drive and then share that link in your email/message.