Young Audiences: Arts for Learning
Metlife Embodied Dance History Project 2013

Student Name: Alexa  Grade: 7th  School: Museum School

Student Reflection: Understand - Experience - Create - Connect

1) What does DANCE mean to you? Why is it important?
   Dance for me is a way to express yourself in ways words can not. Sometimes you just get so angry with yourself, you just shut your door and dance it all out. It helps me I want to send a message and words just don't do it for me.

2) What does RENAISSANCE mean to you? Why is it important?
   Renaissance means innovation. The bringing of old ideas and making them new again. Renaissance can also mean being adventurous with ideas and changing lives with innovated ideas.

3) How did learning specific dances (Big Apple, Gathering Peascods, Paván & Branle) help you learn about Renaissance periods in history?
   From older Renaissance dances, I learned that their culture is so much different than ours. They moved their bodies differently for different reasons that have to do with the time period and things going on at the time (ex. war, battle, etc.)

4) What was your favorite (most memorable) experience in this class? Why? 😊
   My favorite was the flash mob because I felt the class was in unison and was one. I really liked getting out into the community and showing random strangers what we learned. I also lived dancing with Meeshi because it was a change for all of us.

5) What was your least favorite experience in this class? Why? 😞
   I liked everything. I don't have any thing negative about the class. It was a blast 😊

6) What was it like to collaborate with other students to create an original choreography?
   I liked getting others feelings about dances. I already know about my own feelings and I think being able to hear others opinion is great.

7) How does DANCE connect to your life?
   I love dance. I do 4 dance classes a week and I think that it helps destress me. I love dancing and think its great!

Thank you for sharing your ideas!
Roxanne Rojas de Blanco, Teaching Artist
Student Reflection: Understand - Experience - Create - Connect

1) What does DANCE mean to you? Why is it important?
Dance to me is a way to express yourself and show people who you are and what you feel.

2) What does RENAISSANCE mean to you? Why is it important?
Renaissance to me is new ideas, new ways of thinking, and a rebirth. It is important because it brought new ideas to the world.

3) How did learning specific dances (Big Apple, Gathering Peasocks, Paván & Branié) help you to learn about Renaissance periods in history?
It helped me because I was really interested and paid attention, and it was a lot better than sitting down reading a textbook.

4) What was your favorite (most memorable) experience in this class? Why? ☺
My favorite experience is making up our own dances because we got to show you what renaissance meant to us.

5) What was your least favorite experience in this class? Why? ☹
My least favorite experience was dancing the paván because I didn't really like it.

6) What was it like to collaborate with other students to create an original choreography?
It was a really fun experience creating the dance, we got to collaborate with our classmates.

7) How does DANCE connect to your life?
Dance connects to my life because I see dance everywhere, especially when I'm happy or dance, and when I'm at a party people dance.

Thank you for sharing your ideas!
Roxanne Rojas de Bianco, Teaching Artist
Student Name: Jakani  Grade: 7  School: Museum

Student Reflection: Understand - Experience - Create - Connect

1) What does DANCE mean to you? Why is it important?
   Dance is important because it allows people to express themselves. To me, it means individuality.

2) What does RENAISSANCE mean to you? Why is it important?
   A Renaissance is important because without it, people couldn't progress.

3) How did learning specific dances (Big Apple, Gathering Peascods, Paván & Branle) help you to learn about Renaissance periods in history?
   I was able to feel how they felt by doing the dances they created.

4) What was your favorite (most memorable) experience in this class? Why?
   My favorite experience in this class was the final showcase because of how many people showed up.

5) What was your least favorite experience in this class? Why?
   My least favorite experience in this class was performing, the dances we created.

6) What was it like to collaborate with other students to create an original choreography?
   It made me feel free and powerful because I had the power to do whatever I wanted.

7) How does DANCE connect to your life?
   It makes me happy to see/understand people through their dancing.

Thank you for sharing your ideas!
Roxanne Rojas de Blanc, Teaching Artist
Student Name: Christine. Grade: 7th School: Museum

Student Reflection: Understand - Experience - Create - Connect

1) What does DANCE mean to you? Why is it important?
   To me it means expressing who you are, like as in some people don’t have words
   so that how they express themselves.

2) What does RENAISSANCE mean to you? Why is it important?
   Renaissance mean the rebirth of thinking.

3) How did learning specific dances (Big Apple, Gathering Peascods, Paván & Braniá)
   help you to learn about Renaissance periods in history? It taught me
   that dance evolves over time just like we do
   such as in how we dress how we think
   & how we express who we are.

4) What was your favorite (most memorable) experience in this class? Why? ☺
   My favorite was when we learned the Gathering
   Peascods because we had to work together
   no matter what.

5) What was your least favorite experience in this class? Why? ☺
   Nothing.

6) What was it like to collaborate with other student to create an original choreography?
   It was really fun & different because I’ve
   never choreograph a dance before so it was
   very different but in a good way.

7) How does DANCE connect to your life?
   Dance to me makes me
   feel like I know who I am
   & I am not really smart
   but its the one place where
   I can be a genius! ☺

Thank you for sharing your ideas!

Roxanne Rojas de Blanco, Teaching Artist
Student Name: Tori  Grade: 7  School: Museum School

Student Reflection: Understand - Experience - Create - Connect

1) What does DANCE mean to you? Why is it important? Dance is a way of expressing yourself. No one judges you when you dance. It is important because dancing is a story. When we learn different dances, we learn about how life was back then. Their hardships, enjoyments, and life.

2) What does RENAISSANCE mean to you? Why is it important? Renaissance is a new birth, new ideas, new ways of thinking. New dances. It's important because if Renaissance maid women haven't expressed their ideas, our world today would be a totally different place. Religion would rule the world, we wouldn't know anything that the church doesn't know, and we would be afraid to express ourselves.

3) How did learning specific dances (Big Apple, Gathering Peascods, Paván & Branle) help you to learn about Renaissance periods in history? Learning these dances, I was almost in a time machine. Taken back to where they lived. What they did, how they felt.

4) What was your favorite (most memorable) experience in this class? Why? 😊
   I liked learning Party Rock Anthem. It was very spirited, upbeat, and fun!

5) What was your least favorite experience in this class? Why? 😞
   I did not like Paván. I felt restricted from movement with no way to express myself.

6) What is it like to collaborate with other student to create an original choreography?
   It was amazing what we created. Hearing everyone's ideas and trying them out.

7) How does DANCE connect to your life?
   I dance all the time. In my room, the kitchen, at school, everywhere. I love how I can express myself, and no one will judge me.

Thank you for sharing your ideas!
Roxanne Rojas de Blanco, Teaching Artist