Hi, I’m Miss Harris.
I teach design at the Baltimore Design School.
How do you teach design and technology-based art in a holistic, student-centered fashion?
UNITS
Upstander Unit
Create a poster which will educate and inspire your peers in order to build an “upstander” culture within the school.
The Litter Project
How do we use design to solve the problem of littering within Baltimore City?
Identity Maps/Logos
Using quintessential aspects of your identity, create a logo/brand to represent yourself.
Infographics
Taking data from your class, create an infographic which showcases the combined personalities and interests of your homeroom section.
Archetype Portraits

With the use of Adobe Photoshop, transform a typical portrait of yourself into a portrait of your literary archetype.

Sample Archetypes:
Hedonist, Scholar, Benefactor, Elder, Rogue
STRATEGIES
So...
How do I teach this stuff?
3-Flag System

Yellow: I’m a boss
Blue: Workin’ it
Red: Save me!
Experimentation

• 30 Minute Warm Ups
• Tool Scavenger Hunts
Student-Led Demos
Challenges
Students, in this challenge, had to form teams in order to “create Godzilla.” Every ten minutes, I would give them an egg which would unlock the next step to the challenge.
Challenges
1. Create Godzilla.
2. Now that you’ve created Godzilla, cross-breed him with the most adorable kitten known to man.
3. Kittenzilla has now crashed into a nuclear reactor and has gained the power to ______________________.
Collaborative Experiences

Find as many chances as possible to partner students or work in teams, but always make sure the work they do is meaningful. In this case, students worked together to create a title screen to their class animation showcase. Each student had a different piece to create, then they assembled everything into one final video.
RESOURCES
Here are the Adobe products I tend to use most:

• Photoshop: Photo editing/digital painting
• Illustrator: Vector graphics
• Flash: Basic movies/animations
• Premiere Pro: Videos
• After Effects: Animations/effects
• InDesign: Books/publications
Have you heard of Adobe PEPE?
Adobe offers educators the chance to obtain a free copy of Adobe Photoshop Elements and Premiere Elements if they make their school a part of the Adobe Youth Voices (AYV) program.
*Hint: It’s also a cheap way for students to purchase Adobe software!
Now for the free stuff:

- **Social Media**: Use Instagram as a fun way to engage your students in their homework assignments!
- **Adobe Voice for iPad**: A free app that is great for artist statements and storytelling!
- **Easel.ly**: Infographics
- **Sketchup**: Plan 3-d structures
- **Unity**: Video game design
Bye, for now.
More questions?
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Oh... and to see more classroom shots + strange selfies...
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