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Conjuring Power: Roots & Futures of Queer & Trans Movements

Presented by YBCA in collaboration with the GLBT Historical Society | March 13–August 23, 2026

Conjuring Power is a multimedia exhibition exploring the resilient beauty, cultural richness, and fierce resistance of Bay Area queer and trans communities. Broadly organized as a journey through time, this multimedia exhibition explores how queer and trans communities harness creativity to build culture, sustain one another, and strengthen movements across generations.

We invite educators to use this guide to assist students in exploring the show, and to help them consider its themes and content, even after they leave the exhibition.

Resource for Educators | Debrief Lesson

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CENTERING (5 min) Individual Writing

Prompt options:

- "I felt _____ when I saw..."
- "Something I didn't expect was..."
- "One moment that stayed with me was..."

PROCESSING (10-12 min) Group Discussion

Focus: Resistance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What methods of resistance did you see?• What risks did people take?• Describe the form of resistance that stood out to you the most.	Focus: Power <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What expressions of power did you identify?• Who was utilizing power and to what end?• What sources of power have the Queer and Trans community drawn from?
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CONNECTING (10-12 min)

In pairs or small groups, engage them with prompts linking what they observed to their experiences.

Sample Prompts:

- Whose stories resonated with you?
- How do the expressions of power we saw in the exhibit show up in our classroom?
- What form of resistance do we already practice in our classroom and communities?

ACTION

Writing Prompt: "Based on what we learned, what is one thing our class could carry forward?"