

MAYBE SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

HOW ART TRANSFORMED A NEIGHBOURHOOD

Using language in creative and playful ways helps us understand how language works.

Language and story can be a source of creativity and joy.

GATHER MATERIALS

- Your readers notebook or paper
- Writing and drawing tools

LISTEN AND THINK

What good can a splash of colour do in a community of gray? As Mira and her neighbours discover, more than you might ever imagine! Based on the true story of the Urban Art Trail in San Diego, California, *Maybe Something Beautiful* reveals how art can inspire transformation—and how even the smallest artists can accomplish something big. Read along with [Maybe Something Beautiful](#) Think about how you might fill your neighbourhood with joy?

CREATE & SHARE

In your reader's notebook:

- The man battles gloom with colour and paint. He does something creative, which brings joy and entertainment to himself and others. What are things that you do to battle gloomy feelings or boredom? What are things that you can do that bring joy to you and others? Illustrate and write to explain your ideas..

GO BEYOND

Design your own neighbourhood that includes your own SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL! Where might you create your mural? Make sure to include lots of colour!

OR Think of someone special in your life, and create a colorful picture to give to them. Write them a note to let them know how much you care and appreciate them.

