

# Studio Project: Sandblasting Stones

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**Due Thursday AM, 4/22, Week 4**

**This project is marking stones with words and organizing these markers into texts.**

- Find several larger, relatively flat stones, at least 6"-10" long.
- Work with your project group (two peer groups; 7-8 students) to choose a word to sandblast onto one of these stones. Each group will work with one part of speech related to the theme of **travel/arrival**:  
Group 1: Nouns  
Group 2: Verbs  
Group 3: Adverbs  
Group 4: Adjectives  
Group 5: Gerunds  
Group 6: Prepositions  
Group 7: Nouns
- Cover your stone with stick-on vinyl sandblasting resist, and use an Exacto knife to cut out the letters; then sandblast them.
- Each project group will have a chance to assemble all the stones from the class into a text on Red Square during the morning on Thursday, 4/22, to get reactions from passers-by, and to document the text with photographs.

**Things to consider:** What's the expressive potential of particular words? What word goes best on what stone? Can you see the stones separate from the text? Does form have meaning? How does ordering shape meaning?

**Calendar:**

- 4/6** Start collecting stones at Brown's Creek and the Skokomish River
- 4/8** Sandblasting Demonstration
- 4/22** Red Square Assemblies of Stones into Texts
- 5/4** Upload jpg digital photo files of your group's text



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