

Stephen Wiltshire

Materials/Resources:

Stephen Wiltshire is a young man with Autism who possesses an incredible ability to recreate cityscapes from memory. His story is inspiring and his artwork provides unlimited opportunities for discussion. Viewing his videos and artwork affords the opportunity to inspire our students to discover their own talents and strengths.

Website link: <http://www.stephenwiltshire.co.uk/>

Skills Targeted:

- *Conversational Skills
- *Generating Opinions
- *Artwork Analysis
- *Disability Awareness

Instruction:

1. Stephen Wiltshire's website has a variety of components that can be used for discussion. Actual videos of his talent are available for viewing as well as his collection of artwork.
2. Leading a discussion about Mr. Wiltshire allows for opportunities to discuss topics such as Autism, pursuit of a goal, unique talents, overcoming obstacles, stereotyping, as well as the individual talents and goals of students participating in the conversation.
3. Conversation is meant to inspire our students and challenge them to actively pursue their goals.
4. The focus of this lesson is to encourage our students to discover and use their own individual strengths and talents.