Build a Data Sculpture

Find a Story
Data is most useful when you can use it to tell a story about something. Using the data on this handout, try to find a story that you can tell by building a mini sculpture.
• Does one piece of data jump out at you?
• If you take a step back is there a pattern in the data?
• Do you see a story when comparing one part to another?

Make a Sculpture
Data visualization is very popular right now, but sometimes is hard to digest. Making a “sculpture” is a fun way to start playing with how to present your data story to other people.
• What symbols can you build to represent your data?
• How can you attract attention with this stuff?
• Can you tell simple and complex stories?

Ice Cream In the US
How Much Do We Eat?
This chart shows the gallons of ice cream an average person would eat in a year.

Our Favorite Flavors
This survey asked 1000 people what their favorite flavor of ice cream was in 2014.

Sources: USDA, Vision Critical