James A. Michener Art Museum
Museum Visit Activity: Write a Text Panel

Grade Level: Elementary-High School

Curators in museums often write *text panels* to accompany the works in an exhibit. Sometimes these text panels contain *biographical* information about the artist, an *interpretation* of the art piece, or a *personal response* to the artwork. This personal response sometimes can be in the form of poetry. Select a work of art while you are visiting the Museum, and write your text panel below.

To begin this activity, look at some text panels in the museum and see what they include. Think critically about what information is being presented.

- What kind of information is included in the text panel?
- Does the text panel help you understand the work of art better? Why or why not?
- What is information is not included in the text panel?
- What would you include in the text panel? What would you include in the text panel to help you better understand the work of art?

Use these guiding questions when you write your text panel. Once you are finished, present what you have written below to your classmates.

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The National Art Standard addressed in this activity is: **Content Standard 6**. The Pennsylvania Arts and Humanities Standard addressed in this activity are: **9.2**, and **9.3**.

TEXT PANEL WRITING

EXPLORE THROUGH THE ART DOOR

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