

# Taking Time to Look



## Museum Visit Activity:

Use the following questions to help guide your careful looking of works of art in the exhibition galleries.

Looking at art is a slow process that, with patience, that can lead to many discoveries. It allows you to dig deeper and uncover the possible meanings behind an artwork. Taking time to look carefully will naturally create more questions for you, some of which might have more than one answer, and that's ok! The answers that you find in your exploration will give you the knowledge to form your own opinions and judgments on the artwork.

**Artwork Selected:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What do you see?** List all the details that you can find. (This would include the colors, shapes, lines, textures, and all the visual elements in the work.) **What else do you see?**

2. What **words** would you use to describe this artwork?

3. Where does your **eye travel** to in this work? What **elements** draw your eye to these areas?

4. How did this artist create this artwork? What **materials** were used?

5. Does this artwork **remind** you of anything?

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6. **Why** do you think this artist created this artwork? Explain.

7. Does the **title** of the artwork help you understand the work? Why or why not?

8. If this artwork could tell a **story**, what would it say?

9. Does this artwork convey a **message**? Why or why not? Explain.

10. What **mood** or **emotions** do you feel when looking at this work of art? What **elements** help convey this mood? Explain.

11. **Pretend you are inside this artwork.** What does it feel like? Use your **five senses** to explain your experience.

12. What do you think is worth **remembering** about this artwork?