

# The Artist's Studio: Word Play

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Artist Barbara Kruger combines words and images in powerful works of art that prompt us to think about our identities, our values, and our actions. Her large-scale installation in the museum's Michigan Avenue ticketing area asks visitors, **WHY ARE YOU HERE?** and proposes possible reasons—including to look, to learn, and to play.

## Materials

- 4" x 5" paper
- Markers or crayons
- Tape for posting your work

**What thought-provoking question do you want to share with your family or your community?**

With this activity, you will create a small-scale art installation. Write a question you'd like others to think about on a small piece of paper. Limit yourself to one or two colors for the words. "Install" your message in a surprising place, either in your home or in your neighborhood.



A mockup of Kruger's *Untitled (Michigan Avenue Ticketing)* installed in the Michigan Avenue ticketing lobby.

Find more information about Barbara Kruger and the exhibition at [artic.edu](http://artic.edu).