



Ryan Learning Center

# Thinking Creatively: Color Personalities

This activity helps you practice close looking and describing what you see.

While standing in front of a work of art, close your eyes and think of your favorite color. Then open your eyes and look at the artwork to answer these prompts.

Where do you see your favorite color? Look closely at the:

- foreground, middle ground, and/or background
- people, details, and/or space shown in the image

Where else do you see warm and cool colors in the artwork? What do these colors remind you of? What moods or feelings do they suggest?

Is your color a warm color or a cool color?

- warm colors: red, yellow, orange
- cool colors: blue, green, purple

Does your color jump out at you, or does it stay in the back?

Without saying what your color is, describe to a small group or to the class where you see your color and what job it is doing in the painting. Can your classmates guess what color you're thinking of? Try to be as descriptive as possible.