



ART AND MUSIC

This creative activity combines your looking and listening skills to make connections between music and works of art.

Are you doing this activity at school or at home?

Follow these suggestions to make your experience fun and successful.

- Search for images of artworks on the Art Institute of Chicago’s website: www.artic.edu/collection or look for other objects around you that could help you complete the activity.
- Work together with classmates, family members, or friends to complete the activity and share what you create.

As a class or in small groups, select a gallery that includes works you’d like to explore. Have a student or teacher select a piece of music and play it out loud on a personal device while everyone listens carefully. Follow these prompts:

Note: You may want to pick out the area of the museum you will visit and the music before your fieldtrip.

What came to mind when you heard this music? Why? Can you think of at least four words to describe what you heard?

Play the same piece of music a second time, but this time look around the gallery and find a work of art that corresponds to the piece of music. There are no right or wrong answers. What did you select and why?

Consider the formal elements in the artwork such as lines, shape, and colors and the feelings or moods that the art and music might share. Discuss your ideas as a group.

Extension: If time allows, select a different work of art in the same gallery that appeals to you. If you were to give this work a soundtrack, what song or songs would you chose? Why? Discuss your choices.

GALLERY SUGGESTIONS: Textiles, Modern Art, Contemporary Art, Modern American Art