



CREATING TITLES

This is a great way to practice the skills of close looking and inference. It can be done independently or in small groups.

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.

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- Stand in the center of a gallery in the museum. Resist the urge to look at the labels for the artworks, but look around at what is on display.
 - Select an artwork that catches your attention and create a title for it based on what you observe. The title can be one word or a short phrase that is either descriptive, **metaphorical**, or an **intuitive** response to the work.

Your title: _____

- Share the title with your classmates and explain the choices you made using evidence from the artwork. Compare your title with the one on the label. Why do you think the artist created this title? Which one do you and your classmates think is the best title and why?

- Continue around the gallery until everyone has given a title to a work of art.

GLOSSARY

Metaphor, *noun*: an expression that describes a person or object by referring to something that is considered to possess similar characteristics (for example, "I'm feeling blue")

Intuitive, *adjective*: easy to use and understand something, that just comes to mind