

Your Art Journey
Superheroes

JourneyMaker

The activities in this packet are meant to be enjoyed together with friends or family.

Be sure to invite someone to take your art journey with you!

Are you using JourneyMaker from home?

While some of the activities are written for use in the museum, get creative and look for other objects in your home or immediate surroundings that could help you complete the prompts.

If you have access to a phone, tablet, or computer, you can find high-quality images of artworks on the Art Institute of Chicago's website at artic.edu/collection.

You can also access JourneyMaker online at artic.edu/journeymaker.

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Friend or foe?



Will this new character help out or just get in the way?



Pair of Protomes Depicting the Forepart of a Griffin
625–575 BCE
Greek; probably Samos

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Every superhero or supervillain needs a super symbol. Design a shield for your friend or foe and give this character a catchphrase. Shazam!

LOOK AGAIN: Ancient Greeks believed griffins guarded gold. What features make these creatures good protectors?

Use this space to design your character's shield:



Words of Wisdom

Even superheroes need help along the way.



Attributed to William A. Mitchell
Rack Picture for Dr. Nones
1879

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Choose one person from your super team to describe an artwork or an object in your house using “I Spy” clues. Follow the clues and find the object being described. Who can guess correctly?

LOOK AGAIN: This painting is a portrait without a person. What can you figure out about the person it depicts?

Use this space to write down your clues:

Power Up!



You are no mere mortal . . . super humans need superpowers!



Wrestler
300–522
Japan

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It's time to save the day! Strike a superpower pose and have another family member draw you.

LOOK AGAIN: This wrestler raises his arm in a show of strength. Has the fight ended, or is it about to begin?

Use this space to draw your superpower pose:



HELP!

Someone needs our help! Let's get to it, superheroes!

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Headdress (*Igi Gelede*)

1900–50

Fagbite Asamu or Falola Edun, Yoruba,
Nigeria, Coastal West Africa

Gift of Neal Ball

Look closely at this work to find a character in distress and a hero to save the day. What would these characters say to each other?

LOOK AGAIN: This headdress is worn in a ceremony to honor female ancestors and elders. Who will win, the hunters or the scaly anteater?

Use this space to write down your conversation:

A large, empty, rounded rectangular box with a green border, intended for writing a conversation.

Oh No!

Just when you thought all was right in the world,
THIS happened!



Pierre-Jacques Volaire
The Eruption of Vesuvius
1770

Charles H. and Mary F. S. Worcester
Collection

What now, super team? Put your heads together! Use the boxes to write or draw the next steps for how you'll overcome this obstacle.

LOOK AGAIN: Observers marvel at the wonder of this fiery display. Copy the calm and relaxed poses of the people in this landscape.

Use this space to plan your next steps:
