



## ENGAGING WITH WORKS OF ART

What new understandings and ideas can we create when we look closely, ask questions, and make connections with 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](http://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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Take a few minutes to explore the museum gallery you are in. Choose a work of art that intrigues you and respond to the following questions by writing or drawing.

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Name of artist

Title

Date

### Observe

What do you see or notice? Note at least five observations.

What pulled your attention to this work? What do you find interesting?

### Connect

Can you find connections between details or elements in the work? For example, you might notice repeated shapes or evidence of a bad storm in a cloudy sky and wind-blown trees.

Can you find connections between this work and your own life and experiences?

## Question

What do you wonder? What questions do you have about what you see here or about the artist or time period in which this was made?

We can't always answer all of our questions, but questions drive our learning. What further information would you want to help you understand this work?

## Create

What new understandings have you gained now that you have explored this work?

If time allows, create something new inspired by this work of art. You might write a poem using words that describe what you observe. Or create a short dance or movement that evokes what you see, which you could describe in the box below.