



ACADEMY AWARDS

Put your judge’s hat on! This activity uses your close looking and comparison skills to analyze 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.

Choose one gallery to be the focus for this activity. Divide into groups and select an award from the categories below. Look at all the artworks in the gallery and pick one to receive the award. You can also choose a runner-up. After about 5-10 minutes, come together and present your awards. Be sure to state the details in the artworks that support your decision.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Best Lighting: how light focuses our attention and creates dramatic effect

Best Costume: detailed dress or clothing; historical accuracy of attire

Best Stage Design: props, backdrop, landscape

Best Picture (overall drama): the overall composition, including elements of all other award categories

Best Acting: strong characters conveyed through gestures, expressions, and body language

GALLERY SUGGESTIONS

American Art

Medieval and Renaissance Art

European Art before 1900

Impressionism and Post Impressionism

Modern Art

Contemporary Art

GLOSSARY

Composition, *noun*: The placement or arrangement of visual elements in a work of art