

See/Think/Wonder

A routine for encouraging the museum mindset

SEE

Observe and describe

Look at the sculpture quietly for at least one minute. Let your eyes wander.

What do you see? List five words or phrases that describe any aspect of the work.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Look again

Move in closer. List five more words or phrases that describe any aspect of the work.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

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WONDER

Ask questions, seek puzzles

With a partner, brainstorm a list of 3-5 questions about the artwork. Use the following prompts to help you think of interesting questions:

I wonder....

Why...?

I am puzzled by...

What...?

How...?

What is the purpose of...?

I am most curious about...

Who...?

Where...?

When...?

How would it be different if...?

If I could interview the artist, I'd ask...

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Then select one question to discuss for a few minutes.

Reflect: What new ideas do you have about the work of art or topic that you didn't have before?

