



Visual Thinking Strategies

VTS Elements

Art images selected for the audience

Peer group

Silent looking (*Take a quiet moment to look at this picture...*)

3 Questions - only

begin with: **What's going on in this picture?**

OR What do you see in this picture? (PreK-1st)

after paraphrase, in response to interpretive comments:

What do you see that makes you say...?

before calling on next participant:

What more can you/we find?

Listen carefully to each comment

Point to features described in the artwork throughout the discussion

Paraphrase all comments using conditional language

Remain neutral with conditional language (“could”, “might”, “another interpretation”...)

Link related ideas and points of agreement and/or disagreement

Close by thanking the group