

Teacher Companion Guide for **Pick a Painting.**

Museum Basics



How do we act in an ART museum?

Don't touch the artwork. Quiet voices. No running. Look around. Listen.

What is a title card?

It has the name of artwork, artists name/location, date of creation, materials used.
It can vary on the piece and the museum/gallery.

Prompts for talking about art.

How does the painting make you feel?

Happy, Sad, lonely, tired, warm, cold, curious, angry, confused.....

Why do you think you feel that way?

Environment/atmosphere, body language, number of people in images, colors used.

What are some of the things in the painting?

People, Places, Objects

What design elements can you pick out?

- Colors (bright, muted, dark, light, warm, cool)
- Textures: Rough, smooth, sharp, gritty, lumpy.
- Are there strong lines? Curvy, straight, leading the eye in one direction.
- Any repeating patterns? hay bales, trees..
- What does the light look like? harsh, soft, natural or artificial