

Art Questions to talk about

Looking Closely

Why do you think the artist included these elements?

What do you think the artist is showing?

What questions do you have about what you see?

What is the first thing you notice in this picture? Why does that stand out to you?

What do you notice about the colors in this painting?

What do you think is the most important part of this picture? Why?

How do you think the artist made this work of art?

Describe the lines/shapes you can see.

How does your eye move through the artwork? What choices did the artist make to make that happen?

Thoughts and Feelings

What was your first reaction to this artwork? Why do you think you had this reaction?

Does your opinion change the longer you look at? Why?

What adjectives/verbs would you use to describe this artwork?

What is exciting about this artwork?

What emotions do you feel when looking at this artwork?

What title would you give this artwork?

What would it feel like to be in this artwork?

What is beautiful about this artwork? Why?

Making Inferences

What sounds would this painting make?

What can you tell us about the person in this painting?

Pretend you are inside this painting. What does it feel like?

What do you think the artist wanted to communicate?

What do you see in the artwork that makes you say that?

What can the image tell you about the artist?

What do you imagine happened in the scene just before the artwork was created?

What does this remind you of?

What is the setting for the artwork– the time and place?

What makes you think that?

What words help to describe this artwork?

Contextual Understanding

What does this artwork teach us about the past?

What are the values and beliefs of the culture in which this artwork was made?

What was happening in history when this artwork was made? How does this change your understanding of the artwork?