



## **SUGGESTED QUESTIONS TO FACILITATE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ART**

*We hope you enjoy the artwork you have borrowed from our lending collection! Use these discussion questions with your friends and family to help prompt conversation about the artwork.*

- Look at the artwork for 10 seconds. What is your first reaction to this artwork? Why do you think you had the reaction?
- Look at the artwork for 30-60 seconds. Do your feelings about the artwork change the longer you looked at it? What do you see on your longer look that you didn't see the first time?
- What things do you like about this artwork? Is there anything you do not like about it?
- Think about the title for this artwork. Does the title help you understand it? Would you keep this title or give it a different one? What title would you give it?
- If you had a chance to meet the artist who created this artwork, what questions would you ask them?
- Pretend you are describing this artwork to a friend over the phone who cannot see what you are talking about. How would you describe it to them?
- What do you think this artwork is about? What are the clues in it that help you come up with those ideas?
- Some of the important elements of art include form, shape, line, color, value, space and texture. Which of those elements are used in this artwork? How are they used?
- Do you recognize anything in this artwork? What seems familiar? What seems new?
- Is this artwork realistic, imaginary, or a combination of both? What do you see in the artwork that makes you give this answer?
- What story is being told by this artwork? Who is the narrator of this story? The main character? Whose eyes are we seeing it through?
- If this artwork could make sounds, what do you think you would hear?
- What emotions do you see expressed in the artwork? What emotions do you feel when looking at it? How are your answers similar or different?
- How do your eyes lead you through the artwork? What choices did the artist make to make that happen?
- What do you think happened before the scene you see in this artwork? What do you think happened next? What are the clues in the artwork that help you come up with your answers?
- What's the main idea of this artwork? What parts of the artwork make you think that?
- How do the different parts of this artwork combine into a central theme or idea?
- If this artwork is a portrait or features people, how would you describe the people in this artwork? Are they similar or different from you? How?
- If this artwork is a portrait or features people, what might a person in this artwork say if they could talk?
- How would you describe the lines, shapes and colors (or lack thereof) in this artwork?
- What are three adjectives you would use to describe this artwork? What are three verbs you would use to describe this artwork?