

Read This Art

A Questioning Guide for Looking at Art

Grades K–2

Teacher Guide



Important Notes to the Chaperones:

- Hand out pencils and worksheets to each student.
- Please do not allow your students to write by leaning the paper on Gallery walls. The floors are fine, though!
- You **must stay together** as a group.
- You **must not touch** the artwork. (*Hint: It will be easier for you to do this if you stay in front of each work, facing your students, while you discuss the work.*)
- Everyone **must stay an arm's length away from the artwork.**

How to Play Read This Art:

- Stop at any work of art.
- Have students sit in front of the work with their worksheets and pencils.
- Follow the instructions on the worksheet to discuss the work with your students.
- Give them enough time to discuss and draw, then move on to another work.
- If you have time, discuss another work.
- Have fun!

Hint: Try to choose works of art that are large enough for everyone in your group to see if they are sitting in the space in front of it.

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Name: _____

Choose a sculpture or painting.

Ask the following questions:

What colors do you see?

What shapes do you see?

Can you find these types of lines?

straight
horizontal
vertical

wavy
crazy
squiggly

thick
thin
short

long
happy
sad

Draw the lines you find in the box:

Discussion: What story do you think this work of art tells?

Choose another sculpture or a painting.

Ask the following questions:

What colors do you see?

What shapes do you see?

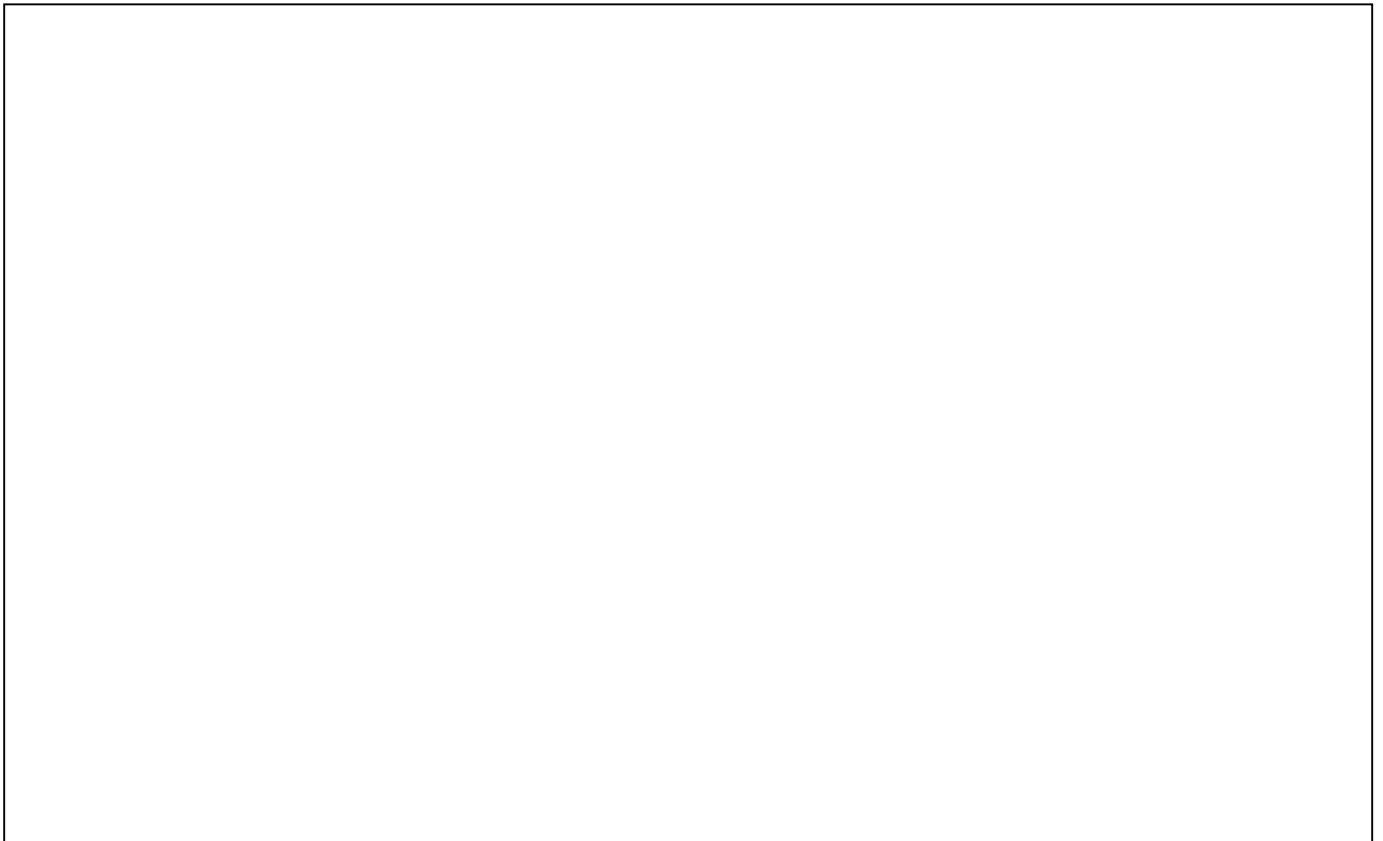
What kinds of lines do you see?

How is this artwork the same as the first one we saw?

How is it different?

Discussion: What story do you think this work of art tells?

Draw the story this artwork tells in the box:



Look at another artwork if you have time!

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