

BIG PICTURE QUESTIONS

For Art Curious
Adults

This mix of challenging and reflective questions is designed to help you think more critically about what you're seeing in works of art. Consider them on your own, or in conversation with others.

○ Choose a work of art that seems to tell a story.
What do you see happening in this artwork?
Read the label to learn about the artist and when the work was created. Is there anyone or anything not represented in the image that feels like a part of the story?

○ Spend some time with an artwork that compels you.
Why might this image matter to people in your life—your friends, family, community?
To your city, nation, the world?

○ Find a work that gives you a new perspective on the world around you.
Take some time to experience it fully.
What does it have to teach you?

○ Look for a work that seems to have a message.

Does it reflect your personal beliefs?
Why, or why not?

○ Choose a work of art that seems to portray a power relationship.
What makes you think so, and what is the message it's giving?

○ Choose three artworks that seem to tell stories of contemporary life.
What are those stories?

○ Art can sometimes spark debate.
Find a work that you think is controversial and come up with a few reasons why.
Can you think of anyone in your circle of friends and acquaintances who might see the work differently?