

5 Academic Skills Students Can Practice Viewing Art

Making Inferences

Because there is no narrator, viewers must use evidence provided by the artist & background knowledge to infer such things as, mood, setting, weather, etc. & how these ideas work together.

Identifying Key Details

In order to make inferences, viewers must be able to find details that are going to help them make sense of the visual information before them.

Using (Text) Evidence to Support Thinking

After making inferences/arguments about the artworks, students must use evidence/key details from the artwork to try to prove their thinking.

Determining Themes/Big Ideas

All artworks are about something. Ss can practice determining themes based on inferences, key details, and the evidence used to support their own and others' thinking.

Making Connections

After making inferences or determining themes, Ss can think of other artworks, books, movies, songs, or shows that have similar or opposite moods/themes in order to better comprehend the artwork.